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ACCREDITATION

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CRITERIA

#1—The institution has clear and publicly stated purposes consistent with its mission and appropriate to an institution of higher education.

#2—The institution has effectively organized the human, financial, and physical resources necessary to accomplish its purposes.

#3—The institution is accomplishing its educational and other purposes.

#4—The institution can continue to accomplish its purposes and strengthen its educational effectiveness.

#5—The institution demonstrates integrity in its practices and relationships.

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With an April 1998 deadline, numerous faculty members are combining their efforts to perform a self study of the College in five specific areas.

The College must meet these five criteria in order to receive reaccreditation from the North Central Association.

Dr. Larry Martin, dean of arts and sciences, and Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the department of psychology, are co-coordinators of the College's North Central Accreditation committee. Martin said the faculty involved in the team have formed a steering committee and five subcommittees (one for each of the five criteria the College must meet to attain reaccreditation).

"In my opinion, we're farther along than most colleges," he said. "At this point, we have the committee structure in place and are in the initial data gathering phase."

"We have to show we meet the five criteria and give several patterns of supporting evidence."

Martin said the self study is initially for the NCA, but it will have a great value to the College.

"In a self study, you find out what you do well and you find out what you don't do well," he said. "And then you work on the things you need to improve. We will have a section of challenges in our report, a list of all the things we want to work on."

"I hope when the [evaluation] team comes, we can say we've been working on them [the challenges], and I hope to include a status report with our final report," Martin said.

Griffin said the College is in good shape.

"We should be able to find out our strengths," she said. "The project is something that not only gets the College accreditation, but it gives us a way to look at ourselves and improve."

Dr. Jack Oakes, head of the computer science department, is co-chairing the subcommittee for criterion No. 5 (Institutional Integrity) with Dr. Max Oldham, associate professor of physical education. Oakes joined Martin and Griffin at an NCA meeting in Chicago Sunday.

"I wanted to get a new definition of what they [the North Central Association] are looking for," Oakes said. "This is a new criterion, so we don't have any history on what we need to do."

Oakes has scheduled a meeting with his subcommittee for Friday.

"I want to present a plan to follow to identify what we need to study, and I want to get an agreement on the part of the committee."

"We're trying to come up with a working idea, and after tomorrow we will have a good definition," he said. Oakes said he is confident the subcommittee is on the right track.

"The purpose of that section (criterion 5) of self study is to identify whether or not an institution operates in an ethical fashion," he said. "If an institution says 'This is our mission,' you should be able to show the college is following through with that mission."

Griffin said the progress will be slow, but she has no worries that Southern will meet all the criteria.

"It seems to be going well," she said. "We're still in the early stages of information gathering, but the subcommittees are doing their jobs and we are on our way. I think it will turn out well, but there is still a lot of work to be done." □

GETTING READY FOR ACCREDITATION

TENTATIVE TIMELINE

- March-April 1996—Subcommittees gather and analyze data.
- May 1996—Subcommittees submit preliminary report to coordinators and steering committee.
- June-July 1996—Coordinators review committee reports; identify issues that need more information.
- August-September 1996—Subcommittees plan and gather additional information.
- November-December 1996—Subcommittees complete final draft.
- January-September 1997—Editor integrates subcommittee reports into first draft of self study report and report is repeatedly revised.
- October-November 1997—Revisions for final report.
- January 1998—Report and supporting materials sent to North Central Association and evaluation team members.
- April 1998—North Central Evaluation Team visits campus.

REMEMBER WHEN?



Geier, Murdock reflect on hippie phenomenon

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

College students have experienced many changes over the past 30 years.

Society in the late 1960s and early 1970s represented itself in several different ways, but one group, affectionately known as "hippies," identified themselves by collectively rejecting society's constructed views.

These young people were involved in an unorganized effort to drop out of the established social order. Hippies led a rebellion against the social institutions of the time and made their statement through music, art, and expressions of freedom.

Dr. Jim Geier and Dr. Given Murdock never really considered themselves hippies, but they don't deny their involvement in the hippie phenomenon.

Geier, instructor of sociology, was drafted in 1968 and participated in the Vietnam War. A graduate of the University of California at Riverside, Geier remembers the attitudes of his peers before he went overseas—and after.

"It was a time of great cultural upheaval," Geier said. "Many students were getting involved in the war protest."

And when he returned home two years after he was drafted?

"I got spat on," he said. "Young men from the late 1960s had their social consciousness raised, and there were a lot of issues to deal with."

"They were looking for answers on the heels of the war to end all wars."

Geier said it was easy for young men at the time to despise war.

"We grew up under the mushroom cloud of the 1940s and '50s," he said.

Geier said he remembers students carry-

ing survival packs in their cars and families building bomb shelters in their backyards.

"It was more of a pressure-filled time," he said.

Murdock said her first experience with the hippie phenomenon dates back to her junior year in high school, where she first heard about LSD when her class watched a movie about the drug.

"I'd never heard of it," said Murdock, an associate professor of psychology at Southern. "It was a complete mystery. I couldn't figure out why anyone would want to do it."

Murdock never really acted against the war, but concentrated her "non-conformist" actions battling the ugly faces of racism.

"I had some pretty radical notions," she said.

Murdock said the students of the '90s have fundamentally changed since the days of the hippie.

"Obviously, I think the students today are a lot more focused on the future and how they are going to be comfortable material-wise," she said. "I think they are less adventuresome. Back then, there was a lot of conformity to be non-conformist."

Murdock said that prior to the hippie phenomenon, college students were viewed with more prestige than students today. She said part of that was because of the actions of the students back then, such as smoking grass on the steps of the police station or on campus.

Drugs were also an enormous aspect of the hippie phenomenon, especially marijuana.

"It was more socially open [back then]," Murdock said. "At my graduation, the odor of marijuana [drifted] across the stadium."

"I limited my indulgence to alcohol and marijuana partly because I didn't have the money."

Geier would not admit to using drugs.

"I didn't inhale either, of course." □

STUDENT HEALTH OUTREACH TEAM

Freshman wins latex contest

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Freshman Stacy Clay, pre-med major, expected to go to class Wednesday morning and learn about English. Instead, she received a fish bowl full of 190 condoms.

In honor of Sexually Transmitted Disease Month, the Student Health Outreach Team (SHOT) sponsored a contest in which students and faculty could guess the number of condoms in a fish bowl.

"We thought that since April Fools' Day was the first day of Sexually Transmitted Disease Month, we could do something to get people aware of health issues," said Margie Hill, senior sociology major and SHOT president. "We wanted to do something that was fun and productive."

Hill delivered the fish bowl to Clay, whose guess was 191, during Jennie Wecker's English class.

"I couldn't believe it when she said my name; I was like 'Oh no.' I think it's pretty cool; it was a great idea to promote the month," Clay said.

The money raised will be donated to the Joplin Area AIDS Research Center.

"I donated because it went to AIDS research and I really believe in safe sex. It's the way you have to be today," Clay said.

What does Clay plan to do with all of those condoms? "I'll give them to my friends," she said. □



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Freshman pre-med major Stacy Clay delights over a fish bowl containing 190 condoms Wednesday. Clay guessed that the bowl contained 191 latex condoms.

BROADCAST

KXMS celebrates 10th anniversary

Radio station provides classical music to area

By CRAIG BEFFA
EDITORIAL EDITOR

Joplin's fine arts radio station celebrates its 10th anniversary today.

KXMS, 88.7 FM, went on the air April 4, 1986, and has since provided the community with all day, every day classical music.

"We are the only operation on campus going 24 hours a day," said Jeff Skibbe, KXMS general manager. "We broadcast 365 days out of the year, including all holidays."

The Missouri Southern communications department, under Richard Massa, department head, launched the station. The movement began years earlier when KCMA, a commercial classical station in Tulsa, Okla., pulled its antenna out of Joplin's range. This left the community without a source of classical music.

The new station was situated in one of the guest houses next to the mansion. In this space, there was a tiny control room, a production room, and an office containing a homey fireplace. The transmitter and antenna were

located behind the criminal justice building.

"The station is being hampered by some TV stations," Skibbe said. "We need to increase our power, and I would also like to think globally. I want to offer programming for national distribution."

A collection of LPs, both purchased and donated, was rapidly compiled by the founding general manager, Dr. Robert Clark. Syndicated programming, consisting of the Metropolitan Opera, WFMT (Chicago), and WCLV (Cleveland) was added. The record collection kept growing, and later it included compact discs, making cataloging an essential step.

But there was still a need to establish interaction with the community. So in 1989, Jean Campbell, promotions director for KXMS, organized the Klassix Society, a friends organization for the station.

"At the time I was named promotions director," Campbell said, "there was very little, if any, funding for promotions."

Within the next few years, the Klassix Society established itself as a not-for-profit organization whose goals broadened beyond support of KXMS to include support of classical music in general.

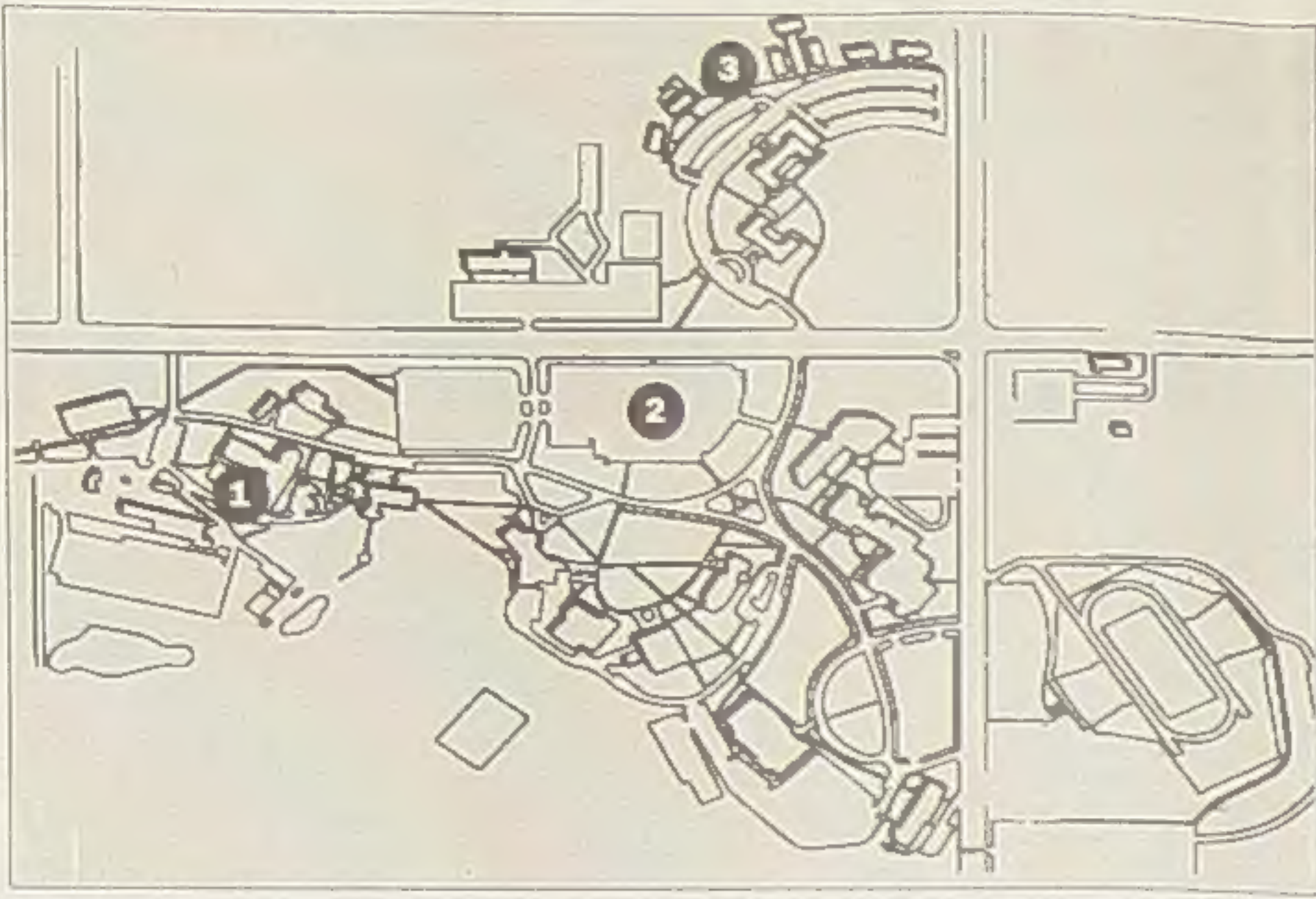
KXMS will hold a birthday party from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday in room 139 Webster Hall. Everyone is invited to join. □

HISTORY OF KXMS

- April 6, 1986 — KXMS begins regular broadcasting with an on-air schedule of 6 a.m. to midnight, a day after initially signing on.
- July 1, 1987 — KXMS begins broadcasting 24 hours per day.
- Nov. 5, 1989 — KXMS initiates the Klassix Society, a friends organization for the station.
- January 1990 — KXMS hires Jeffrey Skibbe, a 20-year veteran of public radio, as the station's first full-time general manager.
- Jan. 6, 1990 — KXMS holds its first board meeting.
- July 28, 1990 — KXMS holds its first fund-raising activity, a lawn, with the Klassix Society.
- January 1993 — KXMS moves to its new quarters in Webster Hall.
- 1994 — Tronetti's Restaurant expands KXMS' community support with a wine-tasting party, which has become an annual event.



SECURITY REPORT



- 1** 04/02/96 LOT 31 9 a.m. Dr. Jack Oakes, head of the computer science department, reported to campus security that a small white car was parked in his reserved parking spot when he arrived, so he parked behind it. From his office, Oakes saw the car jump the curb, breaking the reserved parking sign and leaving the area via the lawn. Oakes obtained the car's license plate number.
- 2** 04/02/96 LOT 39 4 p.m. Amber Irwin, freshman nursing applicant, parked her 1995 Pontiac Firebird and when she returned, she found damage to the lower right front fender. Irwin said she does not know what happened.
- 3** 04/02/96 DISHMAN HALL 8:25 p.m. Campus security was called to residence hall C in reference to a fire in a dumpster. The Joplin Fire Department was called to the scene and put the fire out. It is not known what caused the fire, but a few students had been cooking out in front of the apartment building. The students may have dumped the coals from their fire into the dumpster.

WORLD WIDE WEB

College acquires home page

Internet services provide alumni with Chart news

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

After searching the World Wide Web for something about Missouri Southern, the College's new home page will give alumni the news they are hungry for, *The Chart*.

The College's home page also includes a campus calendar, the International Film Festival's schedule for next year, the Autodesk Authorized Training Center Schedule, the schedule for the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition, and a guide to the College. The address is: <http://www.mssc.edu>.

"As word spreads, more people will learn that we have a home page and more people will take advantage of it," said Rod Surber, news bureau manager and "webmaster." "Within *The Chart* portion, there is a way to send messages, so any comments can be made, and so far, everything has been positive."

With an undertaking of this size, Surber expected some problems to arise.

"You will always have some unexplained glitches," he said.

The Chart uses Macintosh computers and the Web process in PC, so we had to work out the bugs so we can exchange files.

"Right now we are about a week behind putting each issue of *The Chart* online, but next semester there will be an online editor, so we hope the paper will be on the home page the same day it comes out."

This new online editor, to be appointed, will help with conversion to HTML, the computer language used for Web programming.

"The stories in the paper will then be set up as the stories come in," Surber said.

"This will give *The Chart* more autonomy."

The Chart's portion of the College's home page includes an archives of past issues, biographies of staff members, and a link to a *Chart* alumni page created by a former editor-in-chief.

Since the Missouri Southern home page started on Jan. 1, Surber said he has been pleased with the progress.

"Compared to other schools, we are behind some but ahead of others," he said.

"It takes more than one person to get it up and running, and we might not be going if it weren't for Steve Earney (assistant vice president for information services), [Dr.] Chad [Stebbins]

(*The Chart* adviser), and Mike Hailey (public information graphics designer)."

Essentially, two home pages exist, one internal and one external.

The internal has two search engines, Yahoo and Web Crawler, which allows the user to "surf" the Web for places of interest. The external page has everything else currently on the home page.

"The home page is mainly a marketing tool," Earney said. "A high school student from anywhere could log on and find out more about the College."

He said the home page will develop and new items will be incorporated, such as a welcome from the College president and Southern's mission statement.

"There are no limits to what you can put on the page," Surber said, "but there are limits in time."

Surber said he sets a goal of adding at least one page of information a week, but is looking forward to having some help from a student during the summer.

"We are working on having the mission on the page," he said. "We are getting calls from different departments all the time."

Surber said he is working now on the 1996-97 College catalog, both for distribution and inclusion on the home page. □

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Programs rate 'more than acceptable'

State acknowledges department's efforts

By LESLIE ROBERTS
EDUCATION EDITOR

Recently, Missouri Southern was given the honor of having all teacher education programs approved through Sept. 20, 2000, by the Missouri State Board of Education.

On Feb. 15, the board unanimously voted to approve the programs, and on Feb. 23, College President Julio Leon received a letter from Commissioner of Education Robert Bartman verifying approval by the state.

"It's really a mark of approval by the state that they're looking at our programs as being acceptable, and in some cases more than acceptable," said Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of the school of education and psychology.

Horvath said programs are rated on a five-point scale, with three being average. All of Missouri Southern's teacher education programs were rated at least a three, with several rated four.

"They liked what they saw in our program," said Kaye Abight, assistant certification officer. "They have continuously been very complimentary, not just to us but to others, about Missouri Southern's teacher education program. I am particularly proud of that, not because I did it, but because of the quality of teachers we produce."

Dr. Mike Lucas, director of teacher education at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, conducted a periodic review visit Nov. 7.

"[Lucas] said two things in his recommendation for approval," said Horvath, who attended that meeting along with Dr. Nancy Smith, head of Southern's education department. "One is that Missouri Southern is an undiscovered gem of an institution,

especially for teacher preparation, and that he was very impressed with the dedication of the faculty and the high quality of the programs we have here.

"Secondly, he said we were one of two institutions in the state that had adopted a competency-based system."

The other institution in the state with a competency-based teacher education system is the University of Missouri, but that may change within the next few years.

"Within three to five years, if everything goes according to what I think is going to happen in the state, it looks like we may change to a system where we will all have a development of competencies and certify that our graduates meet those competencies in order to recommend them for teacher certification," Horvath said.

Presently, Southern's competency system consists of a broad-based competencies divided into 14 areas. Each course is assigned a certain number of competencies, and often

times a competency is covered in more than one class, so by the time a student is ready to graduate, all the competencies have been satisfied.

"Our feeling on this is that we can assign competencies to courses, and so we can still maintain the course structure. That's of tremendous advantage to students, because they can go through as all students do on this or any other campus," Horvath said.

Horvath gives credit for Southern's cutting-edge approach to "a forward-thinking faculty" and also to the "partnership" the College has with the State Department of Education.

"We believe that we are in a partnership with the State Department of Education and also with the schools in the state, particularly with the schools that we serve," Horvath said. "We think that our ultimate constituents, the children of the state of Missouri, are being well served by this process."

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Kaye Abight
Asst. certification officer

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STUDENT FEES

Tuition increase uncertain

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Tuition increases for 1996-97 may not be decided until at least May, College officials said Wednesday.

"It's unlikely [tuition increases] will be finalized in April," said College President Julio Leon. "It will likely be discussed at the May [Board of Regents] meeting."

Last year, the Board of Regents set the FY '96 tuition increase in February. Leon said the timing of the decision depends on information.

"One of the reasons why [we've waited] is to get a better perspective of the enrollment for next fall," he said. "We're waiting a little bit to get more data."

Steve LaFever, College treasurer, also said he expects the decision to come in May—or later.

"I doubt it will come up at the April meeting," LaFever said. "From what I can speculate, it will probably come up at the May meeting."

"It could even be as late as June."

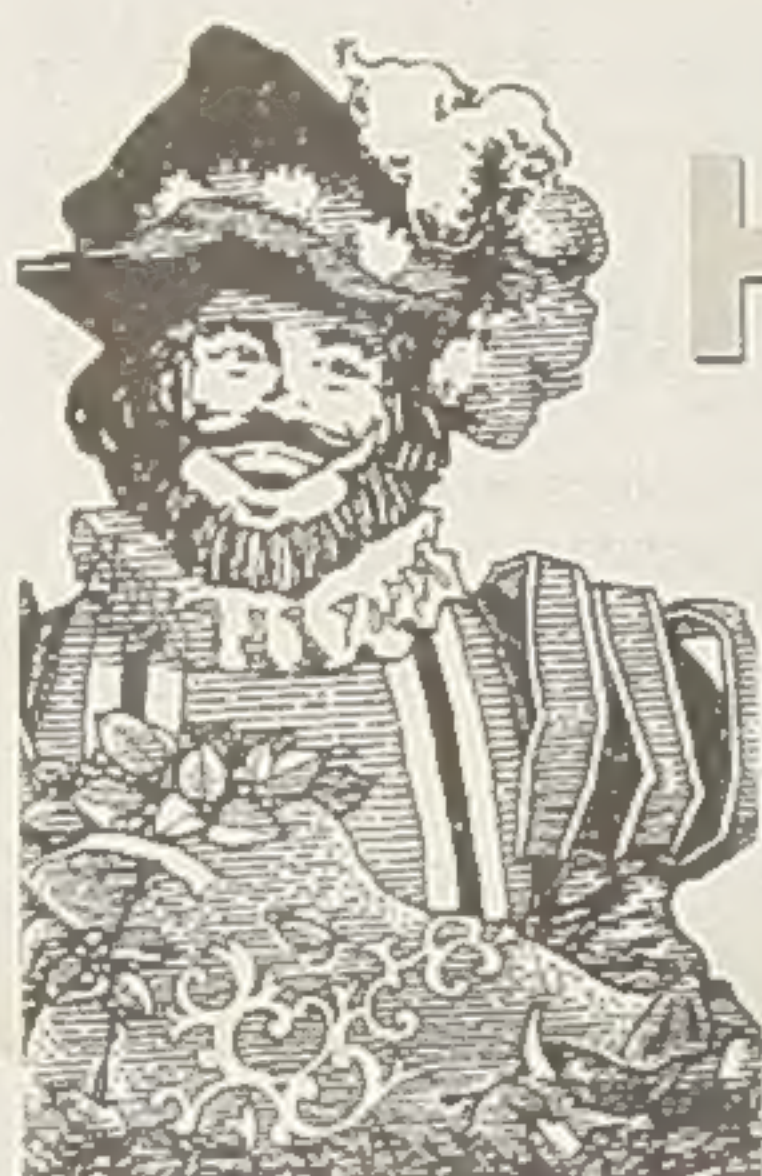
Normally, the Board decides on tuition increases at the March meeting. Last year, College officials said it was important to decide on the issue as early as possible so that students applying for admission would have a figure to look at when deciding whether to attend Missouri Southern. Leon said that isn't a problem this year.

"I don't think it will have that much of an impact," he said. "We've done it as late as June [before]."

Leon said incoming students would be able to get an approximate cost by looking at this year's costs.

"Whatever we do," he said, "the tuition is likely to still be the lowest in the state."

MADRIGAL FEAST



By DEBORAH SOLOMON
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Four nights of laughter and singing came with the music department's second annual Madrigal Feast March 13-16 in Taylor Auditorium.

The event's setting was an English castle with royal hosts King Budward (played by Bud Clark, assistant professor of music) and Queen Brendella (played by Clark's wife, Brenda). A few of the people in the royal court were Lorde Chamberlyn (Matt Morris, junior theatre major), the Court Jester (Brandon Davidson, senior theatre major), a Town Crier (Matt Estes, freshman music major), and Father Abelham (Abel Stewart, senior elementary education major).

Amidst song and dance, guests saw the future through the soothsayer's crystal ball and seemed amazed by the wizard's magic.

During this year's feast at King Budward's castle, guests helped pay homage to the King and Queen with opening introductions and toasts from the table masters. Throughout the evening, several guests were given skits or taught dances to perform for the king's enjoyment.

Adding a little mystery and a "Who Done It" twist to the event, an unknown member of the audience killed off several cast members, including King Budward, during the course of the night. The killer revealed himself at the evening's end.

"The script changed this year with the killing off of the king," Bud Clark said. "The story will be a little bit different every year."

66 It's a unique experience... 99

Hear ye, Hear ye

Dinner features show, fun



NORMA NOLAND/Special to The Chart

In one of the many examples of entertainment at the Madrigal Feast, held March 13-16, a few revelers from the audience sing and dance in celebration of King Budward's reign.

Clark started the Madrigal Feast as a teaching tool as well as a way to raise money for scholarships. Last year's occasion for feasting was a birthday party for the King.

"It is a unique experience to be able to teach kids what the Renaissance period was like, not only the music but the atmosphere as well," Clark said. "It is also a chance for everyone to let their hair down and have a good time."

Madrigals are songs written for small groups in which several voice parts are skillfully combined so each part is interesting and independent. The madrigals are often sung without accompaniment and frequently based on a secular text or fables of the times.

Aaron Burge, who also attended last year's Feast, said he enjoyed both evenings equally.

"I like the interaction between the audience and the performers," he said. "It was a good relaxing time. I definitely recommend it to everyone next year. It is well worth the money."

Clark said he wanted to get the women who attended the dinner more involved, so his crew made head wreaths for them to wear.

The wreaths sold for \$3. Also for sale this year were Madrigal Feast wassail steins (glass mugs) for \$5.

"The glasses were to publicize the event as well as to make a little money to put back into the Feast for next year," Clark said.

By RONNA SPARKS
STAFF WRITER

Career planning and placement's new director, Jennifer Yazell, subscribes to her advice to students: "Choose what you love, because the day's a long one."

Yazell was named the director of career planning and placement March 15. She says she's "totally thrilled" to be able to serve the students in this position.

"It doesn't really feel like work to me most of the time because I love it so much," Yazell said. "I kind of go back to what I have read. I think it was Confucius who said, 'If you do what you love, you'll never have to work a day in your life,' and I really believe that."

Yazell previously served as the career services coordinator until three months ago when Nancy Loomer, the previous director, resigned.

She said she loved her previous position but looks forward to the challenges her new one has to offer.

"I feel like Nancy [Loomer] had left me well prepared," Yazell said. "I felt comfortable coming into the position because I knew the territory and foreground, but there were some things that were new to me."

"There have been some projects that are a bit new, but it's all been fun."

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, said the administration evaluated what it

wanted to achieve in career planning and placement and recommended to College President Julio Leon that Yazell be named the director. The Board of Regents unanimously approved her hiring.

The administration wasn't alone in its recommendation. Dolence said he was contacted by several individuals outside Missouri Southern and he is happy about the decision.

"I'm extremely pleased to have Jennifer as our director," he said. "She's a very personable individual who has a great deal of enthusiasm and, to my knowledge, has an excellent working relationship with the faculty and staff on campus."

Dolence said Yazell as director will be "a tremendous advantage"

to Southern students.

"She's familiar with what the College is about and has worked very hard to become familiar with the various departments, deans, and department heads," he said. "She is one of those individuals I consider a people person because she's sincerely interested in the individual and assisting, and that's a big plus."

Yazell has also had the opportunity to teach at Southern and, while she enjoyed it, she said she enjoys career planning and placement the most.

"It's a perfect mix," Yazell said. "My main devotion is to the students on this campus, but I also get to deal with employers who hire our students, so it's really the best of both worlds."

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

AERho wins four awards at national convention

Alpha Epsilon Rho, Missouri Southern's communications honor society, was honored with four prestigious awards by the National Broadcasting Society during the society's national convention March 21-23 in Los Angeles.

Steve Gurley, Krista Lowery, and Jennafer Stokes, all sophomore communications majors from Joplin, represented Southern's chapter at the convention.

Of 110 chapters across the nation represented, Southern won one of five Tourette Syndrome Awareness awards for the chapter's efforts in creativity and originality in raising funds and public awareness for AERho's national charity, Tourette Syndrome. This was the second consecutive year Southern's chapter has captured this honor.

In addition, Lowery was named public relations coordinator of the year; Judy Stiles, MSTV general manager, was named adviser of the year; and Stokes received a \$500 scholarship.

Members of the National Broadcasting Society at Southern have already begun efforts to bring home more awards at the 1997 NBS-AERho national convention in Chicago.

Student Senate to hold executive officer election

Election of Student Senate executive officers for the 1996-97 school year will be held April 29-30. Offices include president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Students interested must meet specific qualifications for each office.

To run, a candidate must obtain a petition from the student services office (BSC 211). Petitions will be available Monday, April 15, and must be returned to the student services office by 5 p.m. Friday, April 19 for candidates to be placed on the ballot.

For more information, persons may contact the student services office at 625-9392.

Also, the Student Senate's annual Casino Night is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, April 18. The event will feature casino games, prizes, a disc jockey, food, and fun. There will be a \$2 admission at the door.

MSTV programming spotlights Cardinals

Missouri Southern Television (MSTV and KGCS-LP) will televise special ceremonies prior to the St. Louis Cardinals' home opener Monday.

The activities begin at 6:30 p.m. and include player introductions and the ceremonial first pitch by the new team owners, Fred Hanser, Dow Baur, and Bill DeWitt Jr. The game against the Montreal Expos begins at 7 p.m.

The telecast is just one of more than 90 Major League games from the Cardinals and Kansas City Royals to be televised this season on MSTV and KGCS-LP.

An upcoming edition of "Newsmakers" on MSTV will highlight the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition. The program can be seen on MSTV and KGCS-LP at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 15 and at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17. On public television station KOZJ, the program can be seen at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16.

Host Judy Stiles will interview MSIPC director Vivian Leon, past MSIPC board president Virginia Hickey, and current vice president Maridan Kassab.

The guests will discuss their roles and events planned for this year's competition, scheduled for April 23-27.

Regents approve Yazell as director

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Just leave it to 'Mary Poppins'

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. If you say it loud enough you'll always sound precocious. At least I always do. But then again, don't we all?

That's the thing about buzz words...we use them to sound cool around our friends and colleagues. We use them to get a better grade on essay tests.

We all know it, the teachers all know it, but we don't stop using them. We love the feeling of superiority and self-righteousness we get when we use senseless jargon or words with more than three syllables. We all enjoy the over-exploitation of useless multi-syllable words (hyphenated words work well also).

These words, we believe, make us look smarter, sound smarter, and even act smarter. They make us sound mature and more experienced in our field of so-called expertise.

I honestly believe jargon was created to make others not associated within a specific field feel stupid, inferior, and a nuisance to the entire human race.

Try going to a meeting of physicians sometime. See if you can understand the mumbo-jumbo uttering from their facial orifices. I'm sure, after a few minutes of listening to the sounds emitting from their craniums, you will soon have an episode of emesis (to vomit) and NPO (nothing to be taken orally) will be printed on your medical chart. And don't be offended if your nurse calls you SOB—it only means you're short of breath.

I guess you could say these jargonites are FOS.

We don't always stick to our professional fields. Often we like to come up with obscure topics and try to learn or collect anything and everything relating to the particular topic.

We all have one of these, so please don't deny it. Everyone has one stupid thing they try to know everything about, and no one else really cares.

Me, I'm still in love with the tunes from the '80s. That's right—I still own albums made by the Pet Shop Boys, Eurythmics, Erasure, and others from the techno dream world.

I enjoy playing Phil Collins' "No Jacket Required," and yes, I am happy to hear Lionel Richie hit the radio stations again.

I know it's tacky, but I like tacky.

A friend of mine actually prides himself on his knowledge of former MISL (Major Indoor Soccer League) teams. He still remembers the Chicago Sting, San Francisco Fog, Los Angeles Lazers, and his home team the St. Louis Steamers.

I'm sure he feels my life as a sports writer will now be more complete by knowing the mascots of teams no longer in existence.

Oh well, I still root for the Boston Breakers of the United States Football League.

We all have something similar in this. We use these things to create a safety zone for ourselves and to put ourselves on some sort of pedestal over our friends.

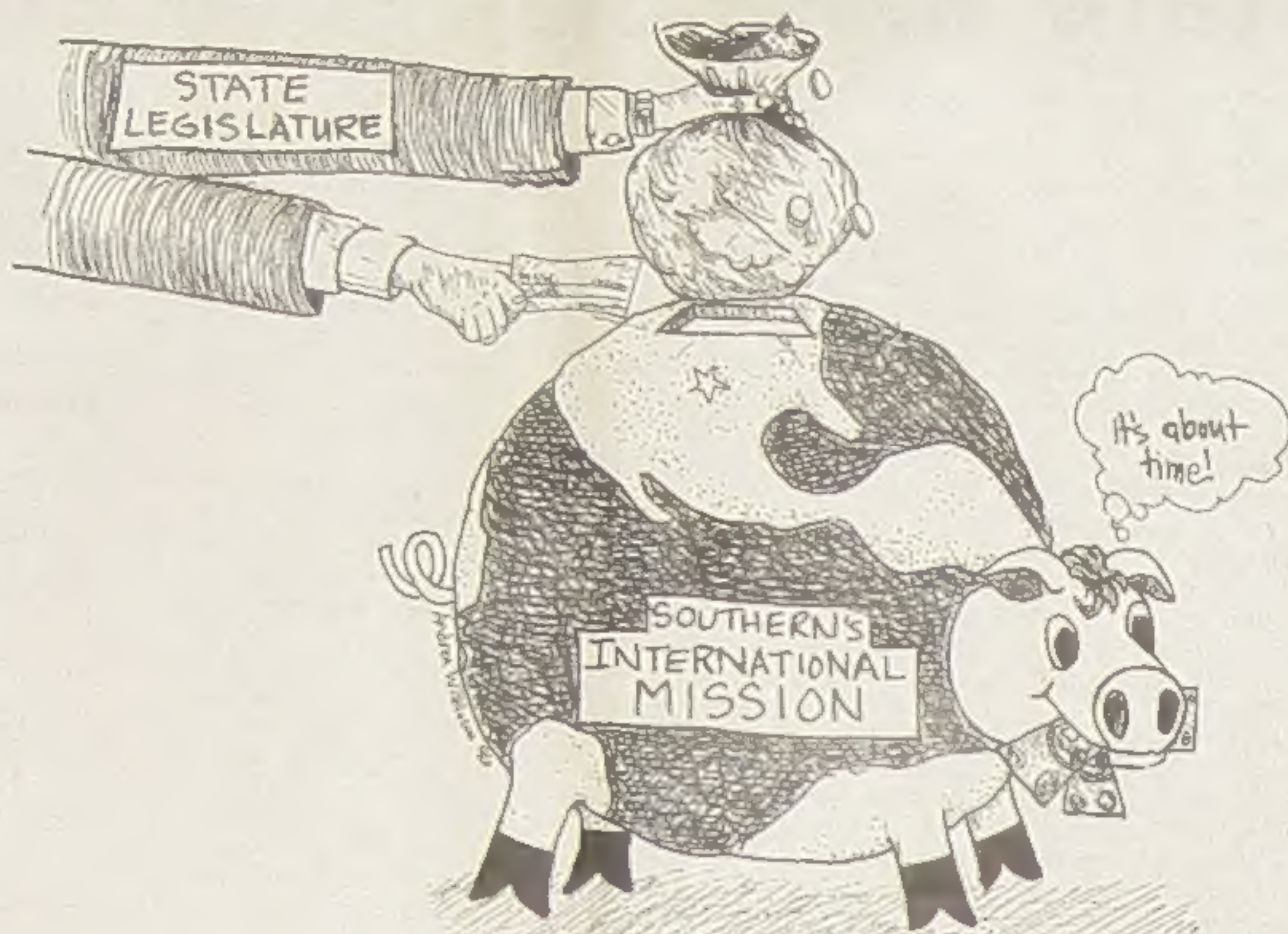
We honestly believe that by using big words and handing out useless information we will go further in life than our competitors (often our friends).

Having a large vocabulary can be useful and will most likely help you get ahead, but please, stop boring us with really long useless words.

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. Even though the sound of that is something quite atrocious. ☐



P. Nicholas Parker
Sports Editor



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Mission just what Southern needs

In June 1990, the Board of Regents devised a direction for Missouri Southern, and that direction was international education.

Since then, the College has made tremendous strides. The international mission has given the College a foundation for expansion in education and better opportunities for students and staff alike.

Certainly, the international mission is a subject of confusion at present for many Southern students. Yet, the administration, along with certain student publications, has vowed to stand behind the mission in hopes that the students will embrace it with open arms.

As time passes, the College will be better prepared to give the students in our area opportunities to experience elements of education to which students at other institutions will not have access.

One of the misconceptions of the international mission is that it is designed to bring in students from foreign countries. The true goal of the mission is to expand the global views of students and faculty in our area.

The mission will not only affect the population of the College, but is also designed to enhance Joplin's business climate through many programs to be initiated in the near future.

Other colleges or universities in the state would be hard pressed to find a foundation as strong as Southern's international mission.

It is obvious that the College's considerations are focused on providing the students at Southern a better future. The more you know about the world, the easier it is to succeed in it.

Good luck. ☐

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Student: Message was misrepresented

I'm sure that Patsy Robinson did not intentionally mean to misrepresent my message in her response to my earlier letter regarding the new position created by Dr. [Michael] Horvath (dean of the school of education and psychology). I'm sure that like myself and others who feel strongly about justice and equality, a person might sometimes react in haste to statements we perceive to promote racism.

I'd first like to clarify that throughout my military career I've worked under and beside and been in charge of people from a variety of racial backgrounds, and I feel that I am better off for having done so. Among them are some of the best people of every race I've had the pleasure of knowing. Among them have also been some of the most bigoted and hateful people of every race I've had the displeasure of knowing: white, black, Mexican, etc.

It is not the necessity of hiring blacks that is long overdue; it is equality on the social level. Every minority has been slighted in the course of American history,

but to indefinitely continue practices of quotas and race-based hiring will only perpetuate a cycle of mistrust and resentment with never an end in sight. To justify such practices there must be some standard to use as a measure of when the goal has been achieved. I am not aware of any such proposed standard, and I believe it would be impossible to create that kind of measure of equality. Such practices are justified only as long as one group is denied the opportunity to pursue success free from racist practices that hold them back.

Are minorities still denied the educational opportunities and rights under the law that allow all citizens to pursue their dreams? It seems that if not those that are now in the work force, then those in the schools now do have those opportunities. Some segments still receive inferior educations, but these conditions are shared by all races in America, whites included.

Patsy mistakenly thought I implied that the "best qualified" applicant could not be someone of a racially diverse background.

He or she very well could be. But by the very act of instituting a practice that says the person hired must be a minority, Dr. Horvath either implies that he does not believe the best applicant could be a minority or implies that there are bigots in the department that would intentionally block the hiring of the best qualified if he or she was a minority. I do not believe either case is true.

Perhaps such practices are still necessary for a time, but how will we ever know when they are no longer necessary under such a system? Education, intolerance of bigotry, and time can be credited with more of the success in allowing minorities to take their rightful place in society than such artificial means. Only when we have the courage to expose racism directly will it truly be eliminated.

Ron Leonard
Senior education major

Since we pay, doesn't this make us publishers?

The subject of the Crossroads magazine content versus yearbook has come to a head with Mr. [Richard] Massa (head of the department of communications) stating that regardless of the Student Senate, the students, or anyone else, the Crossroads will publish what they want, citing First Amendment protection.

I find this curious since we the students

are paying for the magazine through our student activity fees. Doesn't that make us the publishers, or at least the subscribers?

Why not make this a real magazine and give the Crossroads staff a real learning experience? Cut the forced subsidy through student fees and let the staff sell subscriptions and advertising to make ends meet. Those who like the content can

buy it; those who don't like it can then exercise their freedom of choice and leave it on the newsstand.

Perhaps then the content can be changed to reflect the desires of the students; nothing else seems to be getting through.

Glenn Holland
Senior computer science major

IN PERSPECTIVE

Teachers are models to students

I've come to the frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. My personal approach creates the climate. My daily mood makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess a tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or resolved and a child humanized or dehumanized.

—Hiam Ginott



Kaye Abight
Asst. teacher certification officer

Each semester this quote takes life as new student teachers go out to begin their careers.

Traditionally, teachers in our nation have not been well paid, but they can and do exert immense power.

They can, by sheer force of personality, spark a child's interest in a subject forever. Or, they can destroy with one comment a child's ambition and self-esteem.

It continues to amaze me the number of adults who can recall an instance when a teacher spoke praise (or contempt) for their work. As human beings, we tend to remember the times when we were exalted or humiliated, and these memories won't fade.

To permanently change another's life with the spoken word is raw power.

As pre-enrollment draws near, a seemingly endless stream of students flows through my office. Many want to return to college, some want to change majors, and others need information on how or if they can come to college. During their visits most have a story to tell. Some of these people energize me with wonderful tales of how a teacher supported and encouraged them.

The experience was so unforgettable that now they want to return this motivation to other eager students. It's a bit like passing the baton during a relay race.

Other narratives are less positive. A remark from a teacher (sometimes years ago) convinced this individual they couldn't or wouldn't succeed in college, life, or in a desired occupation.

I heard this version twice last week. It takes a long time to recover from comments like these. The students I see are recovering, but what happens to those who don't?

At this point, I am grateful that Missouri Southern is primarily a teaching institution. All students and especially those who plan to become teachers are exposed to a wide variety of teaching methods and styles.

Southern's commitment to small classes enables students to better know their instructors. Potentially each instructor can become a mentor to a number of students. The fine faculty at Southern has an enormous impact on the excellent student teachers across our communities.

Predictably, each semester student teachers go into classrooms with the power to change lives. Teaching, learning, and change will take place. My wish is that all remember to use Ginott's words. ☐

Eight visit New Mexico, savor literature

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

Against the backdrop of the Sandia mountains, eight Missouri Southern English majors savored Hispanic literature and cuisine at the annual Sigma Tau Delta convention in Albuquerque, N.M., March 7-10.

The convention featured Hispanic writers Rudolph Anaya, Denise Chavez, and Leslie Marmon Silko, as well as Joy Harjo, a renowned Native American poet. In addition to the celebrity speakers, students presented papers on a wide range of literary topics in workshops.

Approximately 450 people attended the convention. Missouri Southern representatives included Melissa Bowling, Suzanne Puckett, Trenton Tubbs, Rachel Sage, Kelli Wolf, Holli Spencer, Connie Babbitt, and faculty adviser Doris Walters.

"Sigma Tau Delta is an honor society for English majors and minors," said Walters, professor of English. "Admittance into the society is by invitation to all students who have completed six hours of freshman composition and have a 3.0 or higher grade-point average."

LEARNING CENTER

'Everyday Heroes' publishes McBeth

Sophomore's essay tells of his battles against dyslexia

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

When asked to name their heroes, many people think first of sports, music, or movie personalities. Others can't think of anyone they admire enough to consider a hero. A new book from Townsend Press introduces readers to some unlikely heroes, one of which is a student at Missouri Southern.

Everyday Heroes is a collection of 20 essays written by college students who have overcome serious challenges in their lives. David McBeth, sophomore education major, is one of those heroes.

McBeth faced embarrassment and discouragement throughout his school years because he had trouble speaking, reading, and writing. After years of feeling stupid, he learned that he had dyslexia and found new confidence to pursue his education.

As part of his English 80 class with Dr. James Brown, associate professor, McBeth wrote an essay about his struggles. Brown encouraged him to submit the essay in a Townsend Press contest, and with the help of Dianne Ely, his peer tutor, McBeth polished the essay and submitted it.

He won a prize, and later the essay was selected for the book.

McBeth credits Brown and the people at the Learning Center for his success.

"The things I learned in English 80 are going to help me accomplish my goals," he said. "It has given me confidence. The people at the Learning Center have been a great help. I think some students still have the high school attitude that you must be some kind of

Walters has accompanied students at several conventions. "We've gone to four of the last six conventions," she said. "Two years ago, one of our students, Susan Hylton, won the Eleanor B. North award for outstanding poetry, which was a \$1,000 cash prize. We were ecstatic."

None of the Missouri Southern students attending this year submitted papers, fiction, or poetry for the competition, but some plan to submit next year.

"The student presentations were the most valuable part for me," Puckett said.

"After being here, I will have more confidence to submit a paper next year."

Wolf also found the student presentations inspiring.

"I was really impressed with the talent that's out there," she said. "The speakers were great, but I was really impressed with the student presenters, especially the fiction and poetry. I'm glad there's a group that rewards people for that talent."

Everyone agreed that the exposure to minority literature and culture was a highlight of this convention.

"It's wonderful to see how much literature is out there that isn't considered mainstream," Wolf said.

"The speakers were great, but I was really impressed with the student presenters, especially the fiction and poetry."

Kelli Wolf
Sigma Tau Delta member

Babbitt, who was preparing to teach a unit on Native American literature to her middle school students for her student teaching, found the convention especially helpful. In addition to ideas, she took several teaching aids home with her.

"Listening to these speakers read their own work was very inspiring," she said. "I got some great teaching ideas."

The convention will be held in Savannah, Ga., next year.

Twenty new members have been invited to join Sigma Tau Delta this year, Walters said. An induction ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. today in Billingsly Student Center. □

STUDENT TEACHER

"I enjoy seeing students learn."



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Paul Bateman, student teacher at Monett Elementary School, helps Michael Bruner, 8, find hidden words in a puzzle of vowel and consonant clusters. Bateman will also teach for five weeks at Monett High School.

Patrol officer chooses to teach

By ALICE CARLSON
STAFF WRITER

Former Los Angeles police officer Paul Bateman decided on a career change after three years as a patrol officer.

Bateman, who will graduate from Missouri Southern in May, is currently student teaching learning disabilities at two schools in Monett.

"I decided to become a teacher for basically two reasons," he said. "I've wanted to work with the disadvantaged and help them overcome their disabilities, and both of my parents are teachers."

"I enjoy seeing students learn, seeing the light bulb go off and seeing their eyes light up." Bateman has received rave reviews for his work.

"Paul is an outstanding student who works hard," said Dr. Cameron Pulliam, director of student teaching at Southern. "He has received excellent reports from the faculty."

Bateman is teaching five weeks at Monett Elementary School and five weeks at Monett High School.

"It is required by state regulations to teach a minimum of 10 weeks with 50 full people contact days," Pulliam said.

Before the student can begin teaching, an eight-hour course is required.

"This course includes a series of seminars that will help prepare the students for the legal responsibility of teaching in the public school system," Pulliam said.

Southern has 102 student teachers this semester who are teaching within a 60-mile radius of the College.

The student teachers are teaching "from the Tulsa area to Seneca to Aurora to Nevada," Pulliam said. "Generally most are within a 15-mile radius."

Although new to the teaching field, Bateman experienced no problems his first few days.

"It is everything I expected," he said. "It is a lot of hard work, and it also fills me with tremendous joy."

"Children are our leaders, and I want to help them any way I can." □

FACULTY SENATE

Core study reveals needs

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research, addressed the Faculty Senate Monday with the results of a two-year study evaluating the core curriculum. A faculty response survey and data collected from the ACT COMP test were used in the evaluation.

"Basically, we are generally very satisfied with the courses in our core," she said, "but improving how we teach it may be the key to helping our students apply it."

The study revealed two areas that need improvement: communication skills and critical thinking skills.

"We are years ahead of some of our peer institutions," Honey said. "While we're looking at results and trying to change our program, they're still focusing on what

instrument to use or how to organize it to begin."

The faculty welfare committee reported having reshaped two familiar issues: parking violations on campus and vehicle safety. The committee suggested that a graduated fine may limit repeat parking offenders.

In other business, seven course additions or changes proposed by the academic policies committee gained approval. In the physical science department, two geography courses will be added next fall, Physical Geography and Map and Photo Interpretation. History of India in the social science department will be replaced with two courses, Traditional South Asia and Modern South Asia.

Basic Law Enforcement Academy will now be taught in two courses of 250 hours each.

The Faculty Senate will meet again April 15. □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

NCA approves SMSU's 10-year accreditation

Southwest Missouri State University has been formally notified it has received full 10-year accreditation without stipulations from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The nine-member NCA site evaluation team noted the following strengths during its campus visit:

- SMSU has a well-conceived, well-written long-range plan with a commensurate budget allocation plan and timeline for implementation.

- The institutional leadership has provided vision and direction that galvanized the university community to create a dynamic environment characterized by enthusiasm, open communication, and commitment.

- The faculty are loyal and committed to the university and to its students.

- The effective communication between and among faculty, administrators, staff, and boards is notable.

- The State Fruit Experiment Station at Mountain Grove is a unique center for research and extension in the Midwest and has achieved national prominence.

SMSU's next comprehensive evaluation from the NCA will be in 2005-06. The institution has been continuously NCA-accredited since 1915. □

SEMO president search down to three finalists

The search committee at Southeast Missouri State University has chosen three finalists for the position of president of the university.

Dr. William Merwin, president of the State University of New York College at Potsdam since 1989, is visiting the campus today. He previously served as president of Montana State University-Northern.

Dr. Dale Nitzschke, president of the University of New Hampshire from 1990-94, will visit SEMO Tuesday and Wednesday. He served as president of Marshall University from 1984-90.

Currently, he is head of the firm of Dale F. Nitzschke Associates, educational consultants, based in Ohio.

Dr. G. Warren Smith, honors professor of arts and sciences at Southeastern Louisiana University, will visit SEMO April 17-18. He was president of Southeastern Louisiana from 1986-95.

"The interest of candidates of this caliber in serving as president of Southeast is a tribute to the university, to the city of Cape Girardeau, and the entire service region," said Donald Harrison, president of the Board of Regents. □

Hubbard takes position on Board of Examiners

Dr. Dean Hubbard, president of Northwest Missouri State University, has been named to the 1996 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Hubbard recently completed the Examiner Preparation Course in Washington, D.C. In this new role, he will evaluate companies that apply for the Baldrige Award, which is awarded to firms that successfully implement principles of Total Quality Management (TQM).

The Baldrige Award is funded through the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Just this past fall, Northwest was the only four-year college or university in the nation to participate in the Baldrige Pilot Program for educational institutions.

The national award for education is scheduled to be awarded in either 1997 or 1998. □

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Today 4

1 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Campus Ministries, basement of Stegge Hall.
Noon to 1 p.m.—
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.
12:20 p.m.—
Model United Nations meeting, Webster Hall, Room 205.
2 p.m.—
National Broadcasting Society AERho meeting, MSTV Studio.
5:30 p.m.—
Michael Landreneau, MD, narrates a video of first kidney transplant performed in Joplin, sponsored by the Biology/Pre-professional Club, Reynolds Hall, Room 232.
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.—
Technology Conference & Expo '96, Matthews Hall and Ummel Technology Building.

Friday 5

Noon—
Psychology Club/Psi Chi meeting, Taylor Education & Psychology, Room 123.
Noon to 1 p.m.—
Brown Bag Lunch, Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.
2 p.m.—
Boxcar races, sponsored by CAB, Matthews parking lot.

Sunday 7

9:30 a.m.—
BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

Monday 8

7 p.m.—
Hypnotist Chuck Milligan, sponsored by CAB, Billingsly Student Center 2nd floor lounge.
7 p.m.—
BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

Tuesday 9

11 a.m.—
Newman Club, Catholic organization meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.
Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 313.
Noon—
College Republicans meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.
12:15 p.m.—
Young Democrats meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.
12:20 p.m.—
Arab League Meeting, Webster Hall, Room 212.
12:20 p.m.—
Society for the Advancement of Management meeting, Matthews Hall, Room 102.
7:30 p.m.—
International Film Festival, Fragment of an Empire. Admission: \$1.50 adults, \$1 senior citizens or students, Matthews Hall auditorium.

Wednesday 10

5:30 p.m.—
Student Senate meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.

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Weird America presented by Peter A. Jordan, sponsored by CAB, Webster Hall auditorium.

STUDENT PROFILE

A FIERY Spirit

Red-hot mascot finds 'terror' in house fire

By ELIZABETH LOVLAND
CAMPUS EDITOR

On June 10, 1995, "terror" struck Autumn Lawrence as she watched her home go up in smoke.

"Around four in the morning I heard a really big gust of wind and thought a tornado went by," said Lawrence, junior chemistry major. "It scared me to death."

"When I walked into the kitchen there was smoke coming up out of the vents."

Lawrence said she started screaming, and her father and David Groves (her boyfriend who was staying with the Lawrences for summer school) ran downstairs.

"We had all of our winter clothes bagged up under the stairs, and there was a small fire on them," she said. "There was no fire anywhere else."

Lawrence's father put the flame out with a kitchen fire extinguisher, then turned to the storage room.

"The only thing I can remember is the back wall, the curtains, and the ceiling being on fire," Lawrence said.

The fire department arrived at the scene about 15 minutes after the call was made.

"The outside was still standing, but they (the firefighters) had to go inside and literally scoop it out, so when you walked in the basement it looked like a big barn," she said.

"We pretty much lost everything. We lost our cat and David lost his fish."

"I didn't really mind losing the material things."

Lawrence said the fire was caused by lightning. The lightning entered the main electrical source and blew out the fuse box. It traveled along the wires, melting them and throwing sparks along the way.

"The sparks landed on the clothes and started that fire," Lawrence said. "They started another fire in the back, then traveled straight across to this other room and blew up."

Lawrence said she wanted to thank all of her friends, instructors, and neighbors for all of



With 30 years between them, the mother-daughter tandem of Gloria (Hesten) Lawrence (above) and Autumn Lawrence (right) have made wearing the mascot uniform a tradition. Gloria Lawrence was the first Lady Lion mascot in 1966.



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their kindness after the fire.

"Within the week they brought us food and clothes," Lawrence said. "They were very nice."

The Lawrences lived in a hotel room for two months and then in a mobile home for five months. On Christmas Eve they moved into their new home.

"We didn't have any furniture, but that was OK," she said. "I just wanted a bed. I didn't care what was around it."

The fire didn't singe Lawrence's lifestyle, however. She is the dance choreographer for the Lion Pride Marching Band flag corps, a member of concert band, second vice president of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, a public speaking project leader in 4H, a College Orientation leader, and the Lady Lion mascot.

Lawrence said she likes being involved in school activities.

"I say it's hereditary because

anyone who knows my mom knows she is so active," she said. "It's just natural that her daughters would be, too."

Lawrence said she became the Lady Lion mascot in the middle of the 1994-95 basketball season. She asked Linda Lunow, cheerleading sponsor, about the position and a week later was wearing the uniform.

"I'm proud of myself because I think I'm getting a lot of attention and I've had a lot of people come up to me and say 'I want to do that next year' and I think that's great," Lawrence said.

"I want to see people try out for it (mascot). I'll give them a run for their money, but I do want to see people try out."

"That shows they're not only interested in that, but they've got school spirit because they go to the [football and basketball] games."

Living the life of the Lady Lion mascot was instilled in Lawrence's blood from day one.

"My mother was the first Lady Lion mascot at Missouri Southern," she said.

Lawrence's mother, Gloria (Hesten) Lawrence, became "Laurie the Lion" in 1966, when Southern was still Joplin Junior College.

Lawrence said her energy and discipline comes from dance.

"I started taking dance when I was 3 years old," she said. "I think it was because I started jumping up and down on the beds and the couch and mom and dad said, 'Put her in a class so she can get it out of her system.'"

"Everything I'm active in, I think I'm good at and consistent with, and I think it's all because of dance," she said. □

BIOLOGY CLUB

Assembly to feature transplant

By RUSTY WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Tonight is your chance to see a transplant in action. The Pre-Professional Biology Club is sponsoring a forum showing a video of the first kidney transplant in Joplin at 5:30 p.m. in Reynolds Hall Room 232.

The first Joplin transplant took place two years ago. Dr. Mike Landreneau will speak about his work with transplants.

"Dr. Landreneau works with St. John's and Freeman hospitals," said Laura Wilhelm, junior undecided major and club treasurer. "He works with the transplant clinic at St. John's and is also a general surgeon."

Landreneau currently works in Joplin but is originally from Shreveport, La.

"I've never seen a kidney transplant. I've been on the receiving end of it. I want to see how I will react."

Laura Wilhelm
Club treasurer

"He has done kidney transplants as well as liver transplants," Wilhelm said.

Landreneau came to Southern last year, and according to Wilhelm, it was a good turnout. She expects the same size group this year.

This year's forum holds a special interest to Wilhelm, who has had a kidney transplant.

"I've never seen a kidney transplant," she said. "I've been on the receiving end of it. I want to see how I will react."

The forum will also raise awareness for organ donors.

"This will encourage organ donations," Wilhelm said. "They can see what people have to go through, and maybe it will motivate people to do something about it."

Tonight's session is free and open to all students and the general public. □

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Commercial inspires boxcar event

CAB sponsors race; participants to vie for speed, originality

By STEPHANIE WARD
STAFF WRITER

Speed, originality, and honorable mention will be awarded in Friday's boxcar race sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, but James Bond will not be invited.

Jason Foster, freshman political science major and organizer of the boxcar race, said he got the idea from a television commercial.

"I saw it in a commercial," he said, "and I thought, 'Hey, that'd be a neat idea.'"

Foster said he, personally, has not raced a boxcar before. He has friends who do.

Foster said he wasn't very specific when he made out the rules. The competitors cannot have a motor and no funny business.

"Some races are out there for a lot of fun," said Jason Schulz,

junior pre-engineering major, "and just to grab people's attention, you know to be most creative."

"And others are out for doing like James Bond things, like oil slicks or water balloons. He (Foster) doesn't want any of that on this race."

"Basically," Foster said, "let gravity do the work."

The boxcar race begins at 2 p.m. Friday behind Matthews Hall. There will be free refreshments—corn dogs, pretzels, peanuts, and pop. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Prizes will be presented to different categories in speed, creativity, and faculty. There will be three prizes for speed. First place will receive \$100, second place \$50, and third place \$25.

"We're giving a prize for creativity," Foster said. "That's like for most creative—it doesn't exactly go fast, but looks cool."

The prize for creativity is what Foster calls a care package. It will include gift certificates, small trips, sweatshirts, etc.

Another category will be honorable mention, which will be given

to the best combination of creativity and speed. That award will be a \$25 gift certificate and another prize which has yet to be determined, Foster said.

A prize for faculty participants will also be included.

"We figured that the faculty doesn't pay the activities fee, so we can't give them the same kind of prizes," Foster said. "So they're just getting two tickets for Silver Dollar City."

The track will be between Matthews Hall, Kuhn Hall, and the security building. There will be hay bales forming the borders. Foster said the track won't be too difficult; it is mostly straight with a few curves.

Schulz, who has raced boxcars before, said the difficulty depends on how the boxcar is built.

"It just depends on what you're going out for," he said. "If you want to go for speed, then you want to make sure you can do it, but if you're going out for creativity, sometimes that [speed] was the last thing on your mind and you realize it once you start to practice with it." □

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JOPLIN ELECTIONS

R-8 bond goes 'back to drawing board'

By STEPHANIE GOAD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

The Joplin R-8 school bond issue, which was intended for expansion and improvements within the school system, fell short in Tuesday's election.

The issue received a majority yes vote of 52.7 percent, but a 57.14 percent positive vote was required for the bond's passage. Final count was 4,646 in favor, 4,157 opposing.

In Jasper County the vote was 3,675 in favor and 3,465 opposed, a ratio of 51.5 percent to 48.5 per-

cent. Newton County's margin was 58.4 percent to 41.6 percent, with 871 yes votes and 692 votes against the issue.

The \$20 million bond issue was to finance the construction of a new middle school, a ninth-grade addition at the high school, and the installation of air conditioning in all of the Joplin public schools.

Dr. Vernon Hudson, Joplin R-8 superintendent, said the issue nearly passed.

"I think we calculated that 301 votes in the other direction would have been a major step forward, and obviously the majority of the

people who voted in Joplin felt the same way," he said. "Right now, we feel we have a broad base of support based on the fact that we had a majority vote yes."

The school board will re-examine the issue before deciding the next move, Hudson said.

"Right now, further plans are up to the board of education," he said. "They will have to go back to the drawing board and start over."

Also Tuesday, Tim Huff, Jerry Black, and Charles McGinty were re-elected to three-year terms on the school board. McGinty had 4,753 votes, Black had 4,006 votes,

and Huff had 3,383 votes.

In the City Council portion of the election, two new members were elected to four-year terms. Patrick Tuttle and Richard Russell were elected as general Council members, and Jack Belden, incumbent, won a Council seat in zone one.

"I'm ecstatic by the results," Tuttle said. "I came into the election with the intent to get my name out there and make myself known, but ended with 26 percent [of the votes] and obtained a seat on the Council. It's time to get busy and make things happen," Tuttle said. According to complete but unoffi-

cial returns from the Joplin precincts in Jasper and Newton counties, Russell led the general Council candidates with 4,026 votes. Tuttle had 3,023 votes, Jim Young, 2,274, and Jim West, 2,258.

In zone one, Belden received 3,926 votes and Vic England 2,360.

Earl Carr and Floyd Belk ran unopposed in zones two and three. Joplin voters elected a majority of the nine-member Council Tuesday. Belden will finish an unexpired two-year term created by a resignation, but the remaining Council members will remain in office until April 2000. □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

April Fools' joke boggles local radio listeners

Joplin residents learned firsthand Monday how it felt to be at the brunt of an April Fools' Day joke.

Traditionally, one is well advised to guard against suspicious behavior on the holiday of mischief, for on this day jokes can be the weaponry of malicious pranksters.

A local disc jockey known as "Jaybird" caught many people unaware when he announced updates stating the time as one hour ahead of what it actually was.

The station, KSYN 92.5 FM, flooded with calls after "Jaybird" told his listeners the wrong time from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m.

"Apparently most people were under the impression that the clocks had jumped ahead because 'spring forward' is next week," "Jaybird" said.

"I kept trying to call for the time and temperature, and I couldn't get through," said Jeanne McKee, partial owner of 66 Speedway in Joplin. "I knew my watch wasn't wrong, but that early in the morning I could debate what my own name was."

"I told John (her husband) that I thought I was late taking my son to school, but then we figured that it was all some kind of joke."

"Jaybird" said he received a few negative responses over the phone.

"One guy called and got pretty nasty, but most people cooled down after a while," he said.

"I was pretty angry," said Steve Grigsby, worker at F.A.G. Bearings. "I was running around my house half crazy, looking for a match to my sock, and thinking 'Man, I'm in a lot of trouble!'" he said.

Grigsby, like other listeners, soon discovered that he wasn't as late as he had thought.

"Better early than late, right?" said "Jaybird." "I'm just glad the listeners are good sports." □

—Kiki Coffman

Shank wins drawing, takes home Corvette

Going home the winner of a classic 1969 Corvette convertible came as a shock to Brenda Shank, Joplin, when her name was drawn March 31 during "Blast From the Past," the nostalgic rock'n'roll event of the four-state area.

The prize was offered by the Mercy Regional Health Foundation in its annual fund-raiser. The foundation has sponsored the event for 12 years and has offered a chance drawing for a classic automobile, usually a Corvette, for 10 years.

Judy Love, foundation coordinator, said Shank has been buying tickets for the drawing for years.

"She just couldn't believe it when her name was announced," Love said.

All proceeds from "Blast From the Past" and car ticket sales will benefit the foundation to health programs and services in the four-state area. The foundation has provided various grants and medical equipment to area health service organizations since 1988. □

Assault seminar to teach police, medics, others

A free seminar, "Frontline Response to Sexual Assault," for dispatchers, emergency medical personnel, police, and others interested in helping victims of rape and other types of sexual assault will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 15, in conference rooms B and C at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin.

A rape survivor will assist speakers from the Lafayette House, the Joplin Police Department, and the circuit court with presentations on sexual assault dynamics, law enforcement and EMT responses, emergency room procedures, and prosecution.

Reservations may be made by calling Debbie Hays at the Lafayette House, 782-1772 or 1-800-416-1772. □

MERRY-GO-ROUND FUN



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Claudia Hayes, one of many crew members of Evans United Shows from Plattsburg, Mo., helps put lights on a carousel. The ride is one of 30 the crew is assembling on the parking lot in front of Memorial Hall on 7th street.

MISSOURI MANIPULATORS

Magicians group shares magic secrets, 'good time'

Joplin-based club meets, travels, performs illusions

By NELSON WEBB
STAFF WRITER

When the Missouri Manipulators are in the house, magic is definitely in the air. The Manipulators are a Joplin-based magicians club of 17 members, known for professional acts of magic. But even with pros, not all illusions are as perfect as they may seem.

"If it can go wrong, it will go wrong," said Kevin Wade, president of the Manipulators. "The trick is not to let the audience know it."

Gene Ferguson, another member of the group, tells a story of a magician friend known for an illusion utilizing doves.

"In one of his performances the doves were loose for almost the whole show," Ferguson said.

"The audience knew it but he didn't. That's a pretty hard one to cover up."

Though Joplin-based, the club has members from as far away as Springfield and Fayetteville, Ark.

The Manipulators are affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM), and say that while there are currently no

female members, there have been in the past and more would be welcome.

"We've had women in the local group before, but they've all moved away," Wade said.

According to Wade, you don't have to be a professional for magic to be beneficial in your everyday life.

"Anyone can reap benefits from knowing a little magic," he said. "As a college student, you may use it to open doors that would be otherwise closed to you."

"Let's say that you are trying to get in to see someone without an appointment. Sometimes just showing the secretary a small illusion will be enough to get you in."

Travel is not a deterrent for the group or individual members. Some members have traveled as far as 300 miles for a single show.

"I'll go as far as someone is willing to pay me to go," Ferguson said with a laugh.

Though a magician's illusions are a closely guarded secret, they are not entirely out of reach to the average citizen. The club meets the first Monday of each month, at 7 p.m. at The Kitchen Pass in Joplin.

"If a person was sincerely interested in learning magic and was not just out to exploit our secrets, we would welcome them in with open arms," Wade said.

"We're just a bunch of guys, sitting around, having a good time," Ferguson added.

"And sharing our magic." □

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Spiva Art Gallery
Gallery hours 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
March 29-April 12—Watercolor Exhibit, students of Jim Bray display their work.
April 2-May 10—Senior Shows, as part of their graduation requirements, three groups of seniors will exhibit works in the special media emphasis.
Phinney Recital Hall
April 12—Joplin Piano Teachers, student recital, 4 p.m.
April 14—Joplin Piano Teachers, student recital, 1 p.m.
Taylor Auditorium
April 4—Jazz Band Concert.
April 23—Missouri Southern International Piano Competition: opening concert by Annie Kossoehy, American Pianist and chairperson of the 1996 judging panel, 8 p.m.
April 26—MSIPC Junior Finals, 7:05 p.m.
April 27—MSIPC Senior Finals, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 14 p.m., Gala Winner's Concert, 8 p.m.
Webster Hall auditorium
April 12—Suzuki Recital.
April 13—Joplin Piano Teachers, student recital, 8:30 a.m.
April 14—Marguerite Carney's Student's Voice Recital.
April 17—Betsy Thurman Reed's Student's Flute Recital.
April 24—MSIPC Junior Semifinals, 9:30 a.m.-9:35 p.m.
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April 26—MSIPC Senior Semifinals, 9:20 a.m.-10:20 p.m.

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April 13—Todd Krutinger.
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TRANSPARENT WATERCOLOR

Class washes its way to Spiva exhibit

Students enjoy watching Bray illustrate process

By AMY DENTNER
STAFF WRITER

For the first time at Missouri Southern, students of the Transparent Watercolor class can exhibit their work at the College's Spiva Art Gallery.

Jim Bray, head of the art department and instructor of the class, said he is proud of the quality of the students' work.

"It is a challenging medium and it requires a great deal of patience and lots of practice," he said.

"So for these young people to have a show of 35 paintings of this quality in eight weeks, that's a real achievement in my opinion, considering that they had to go through a lot of basic projects that won't go on the wall."

According to Bray, the students learned a wash technique in which three layers of a color are put down, with each layer representing a 10 percent value of that color.

Besides managing the washes,

Bray said the students also worked with one design element of their choice, which they repeated a minimum of three times.

Despite the difficulty of the watercolor process, Paula Giltner, junior graphic communications major, said Bray explains the techniques in an understandable way.

"I like the fact that the teacher demonstrates for us," Giltner said.

"We can watch step-by-step how to progress through a watercolor painting."

Though it is easy to spoil a watercolor painting, Bray said it is a fairly quick process.

"I think there's a spontaneity that goes with the medium that I like," he said.

"It takes courage because the first few strokes are very deliberate strokes."

Achieving the desired effect in the tricky part of watercolor painting.

"You've got to have that sense of timing," Bray said. "Knowing the wetness of the sheet, when to let that wash alone, and when to go back into it with another color."

"So there are just an incredible lot of things that have to happen



Jim Bray, head of the art department and instructor for the College's Transparent Watercolor class, discusses artwork on display with Jennifer Ertel, senior English/Spanish major, Tuesday afternoon in Spiva Art Gallery.

at once for them to successfully do a painting."

The exhibitors are Kim Bell, Harrisonville; Wanda Brooks, Anderson; Giltner, Joplin; Clay Hagebusch, Carl Junction; Billie

Hallam, Joplin; Nancy Huffman, Joplin; Ryan Lauderdale, Goodman; Marci Lepage, Anderson; Linda Longstreth, Walker; Dawn Moore, Joplin; Shawn Riley, El Dorado Springs;

and Angela Tate, Monett.

The display will continue through April 12. Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is free and open to the public. □

JOPLIN BUSINESS

“We are selling music, dancing, and atmosphere.”



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Bartender Melonie Bullette makes a tequila sunrise for a patron at Roadhouse Ruby's, Joplin's newest nightclub. The establishment opened its doors on March 22.

New dance club lures assortment of clientele

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

Dancing and martinis are the specialties of the house at Joplin's newest nightclub.

"Most people, when they think about martinis, think of the dry vermouth and vodka kind," said David Graves, owner of Roadhouse Ruby's.

"We have a menu of martinis in a variety of flavors."

Roadhouse Ruby's opened its doors March 22 at 3405 S. Range Line, the former location of Backstage. The newly remodeled building was full in capacity, and more people waited outside to dance to the rock, country, and dance music in the club's CD library.

"We play dance music," Graves said. "Whatever people like to dance to, jazz, blues, rock, or country."

Roadhouse Ruby's is one of several corporations in a series of sister clubs, which includes Guitars and Cadillacs and Roadhouse Ruby's in several cities, among which are Kansas City and Lubbock, Texas.

"If you went to Roadhouse Ruby's in Lubbock, it would look the same as this one," he said. "Except it would be bigger."

The club has two disc jockeys, but during the opening weeks, Graves enlisted the experience of one from Guitars and Cadillacs in Kansas City.

"He's here to show these DJs how the

Roadhouse Ruby's format is run," he said. This format was set up to attract a wide audience to the club.

"So far the crowd that's been in here has been really very diverse," Graves said. "The age groups have been really mixed. We've had cowboys and people who like rock 'n' roll."

"It's nice to see everybody get together and have a good time."

The club is roomy with seating at both ends and a dance floor in the middle. In a corner close to the disc jockey are two pool tables and two dart boards.

The club is decorated with several original paintings and posters of Mick Jagger, Eric Clapton, and Johnny Cash.

The bar serves a wide assortment of alcoholic beverages ranging from expensive liquors to wine coolers and beer.

The club will pay cab fare for anyone too drunk to drive, and designated drivers can pick up a card at the door that gives them free non-alcoholic beverages.

"We are selling music, dancing, and atmosphere," said Paul Zimmerman, co-founder of Guitars and Cadillacs, who helps to oversee operations at the different clubs.

The club serves free salsa and chips, and Graves said it plans to feature different buffets on Friday nights.

Roadhouse Ruby's is open 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Reserve seating is available, but anyone wishing to reserve a table should call early at 626-7100. □

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Jazz concert to spotlight seven student soloists

'Bashful Albert,' 'American Patrol' among selections

By KATE WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

From foreign diplomats to the Joplin community, the jazz band will perform for anyone.

Missouri Southern's jazz band has played for the former prime minister of Great Britain, but its spring concert gives students a chance to see what they've got.

The jazz band, who played at the recent visit of Margaret Thatcher, has scheduled a concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Taylor Auditorium.

"When people don't know jazz, they don't realize that jazz has a surprisingly big following all over the world," said Robert Meeks, director of the band and assistant professor of music.

The line-up for the show is a variety of jazz. The selections are "Kansas City," "Sudsy," "Bashful Albert," "Dat Dere," "American Patrol," "Georgia On My Mind," "Tall Cotton," "The Way You Look Tonight," "You Make Me Feel So Young," and "Sweet Punkin'."

"We want to try as much of a variety as possible so the students can learn interpretation and the different eras like blue grass from the 20s, swing from the 30s and 40s, and the big bands from the 50s and 60s," Meeks said.

Although the band doesn't stick with a certain theme when it sets up a program, Meeks said it tries to cater to what the audience wants to see.

He said the band takes abundant requests from the community, and it receives numerous offers to play.

"When Margaret Thatcher was here the program was swing heavy because that is what they wanted to

hear," Meeks said.

The concert also contains featured soloists from the band: Jeff Taylor, Carthage; Wes Smith and Valerie Couch of Joplin; Jerry Sharp, Abel Stewart, and Robert Vice, all of Lamar; Jerry Schultz, Seneca; and Keith Talley, Webb City; all have solo pieces.

"Jazz is unique because the basis of jazz is improvisation," Meeks said.

"The solos come off the top of their head."

The concert also has a guest band from East Newton. The band is under the direction of Kevin Smith, a former Southern student.

Meeks said he likes it when former students get a chance to come back because it gives current students a chance to see what is in store for them.

"I enjoy it because it is educational and because Bob Meeks is the professor," said Jeff Taylor, sophomore music education major. □

MASTER CLASS

Political dispute prevents Chinese from competing

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

Due to some political differences, the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition will not have two contestants from China competing.

The Chinese government refuses to allow these contestants because the Ministry of Culture wanted the MSIPC to recognize Taiwan as Chinese Taiwan.

"We contacted the State Department, and they said the official position of the United States is to recognize Taiwan as Taiwan," said Vivian Leon, director of the competition.

"China said we (the MSIPC) needed to change our policy, but the board felt we needed to stick to our own policy."

“They don't care about politics; they just want a chance to play.”

Vivian Leon
Director, MSIPC

Leon said the human interest portion of this affair "breaks my heart."

"They (the contestants) have been faxing me begging me to change our decision so they can come," she said.

"They don't care about politics; they just want a chance to play."

We really don't care for political arguments, but it ends up hurting these kids and it's not

easy to get selected; we just want an arts exchange."

This really "threw a wrench" into Leon's plans for the April 22-27 competition.

"Now we have to change things around and the printing will have to be redone."

An alternate from Tajikistan has agreed to fill one spot and Leon is now waiting for word from Mongolia for the other spot. □

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Soviet sleeper to end series

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

When a country's film production is dominated by big-time directors, a quality film directed by an unknown might fall between the cracks.

That is what happened to the International Film Festival's next presentation: the Russian *Fragment of an Empire*.

"We try to discover treasures which were overshadowed in their own country," said Harrison Kash, assistant professor of chemistry and director of the festival.

"These films have something to say, but are not recognized because of the big giants at the time."

He said he looks for these "sleepers" to give his festival a distinct look.

"Every film festival in the future will have *The Postman* because it was up for best picture here," he said. "Usually if a film has an award attached to it, it will be shown. If a film sounds obscure, it will unjustly be overlooked and will never be noticed."

Fragment of an Empire, directed by Friedrich Ermler, deals with

the human aspects of socialist construction, discipline among the workers, cultural reform, marriage, and domestic life during post-World War I Russia.

It is the story of a young soldier who loses his memory during World War I and regains it 10 years later in the midst of a new way of life in Russia.

"He is lost with amnesia in his country," Kash said, "but when his memory returns, nothing is like it was before and he is lost again."

"In a visit to a city he knew as St. Petersburg, he finds Leningrad, but more than its name has been changed. Everything he knew in the past has been replaced by the new Soviet Russia."

The silent film does have some propaganda in it about the new "Soviet Russia."

"The propaganda in films like this is pretty repugnant," he said. "In retrospect, we see the faults in the Soviet system, but back then they thought it would be great."

"It was like Nazi Germany. Before Hitler came to power, things were so bad that he looked like something great."

Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens or students.

For more information, persons may call Kash at Ext. 9614. □

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

1996-97 Program Schedule

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Oct. 1 — *ALI: FEAR EATS THE SOUL*
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Oct. 15 — *VOYAGE SURPRISE*
(France, 1946)

Oct. 29 — *GOLD OF NAPLES*
(Italy, 1955)

Nov. 12 — *THE RETURN OF VASIL BORTNIKOV* (Russia, 1953)

Feb. 11 — *RED PSALM* (Hungary, 1971)

Feb. 25 — *BARRAVENTO (THE TURNING WIND)* (Brazil, 1962)

March 11 — *TALES OF THE TAIRA CLAN* (Japan, 1955)

March 25 — *THE MAN IN THE WHITE SUIT* (Great Britain, 1951)

April 8 — *VILLAGE TEACHER*
(Russia, 1947)

RYAN BRIDSON/The Chart

MASTER CLASS

Area pianists to play for MSIPC evaluators

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

Five winners and two alternates have been chosen from the area to kick off the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23.

These contestants will be in a master class taught by the five judges of the competition.

"Each of the five contestants will play for a different judge and receive a written critique from the other judges," said Vivian Leon, director of the competition. "Some of the contestants will be there because they will see what the judges are looking for and how they will judge."

The five contestants are Brent Benscoter, Springfield; Erin Burger, Carl Junction; Joanne Chen, Overland Park; Kim O'Dell Garrett, Waynesville; and Kevin Lai, Tulsa, Okla. The first alternate is Lannie Su, Tulsa, and the second alternate is Jennifer Whitford, Webb City.

"This will be a special inspiration to the student performers as well as to the audience which is observing the lessons," said Gloria Jardon, instructor of music.

The winners will be the invited guests of the competition. They will be part of the welcoming pizza party on April 22.

"This will be the most fun for the winners because they will receive their medals and meet the contestants," Leon said.

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This will be a special inspiration to the student performers as well as to the audience.

Vivian Leon
Director, MSIPC

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The winners will also be at the opening concert given by Anne Koscielnny, chairperson of the 1996 judging panel, at 8 p.m. April 23.

They will be invited to attend all of the competition.

They will also attend the Gala concert of all the winners at 8 p.m. on April 27. There they will be formally recognized.

"For those who live outside the area, we are providing a host family like our regular contestants," she said.

"This way they can attend all of the performances without having to travel back and forth."

The seven participants were selected from a field of 28 on March 16.

The judges for the honors audition were Dr. Gloria Chuang, assistant professor of music; Robert Harris, former assistant professor of music; and Leon. □

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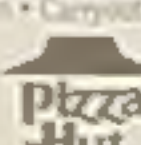
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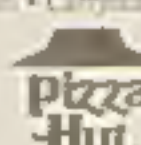


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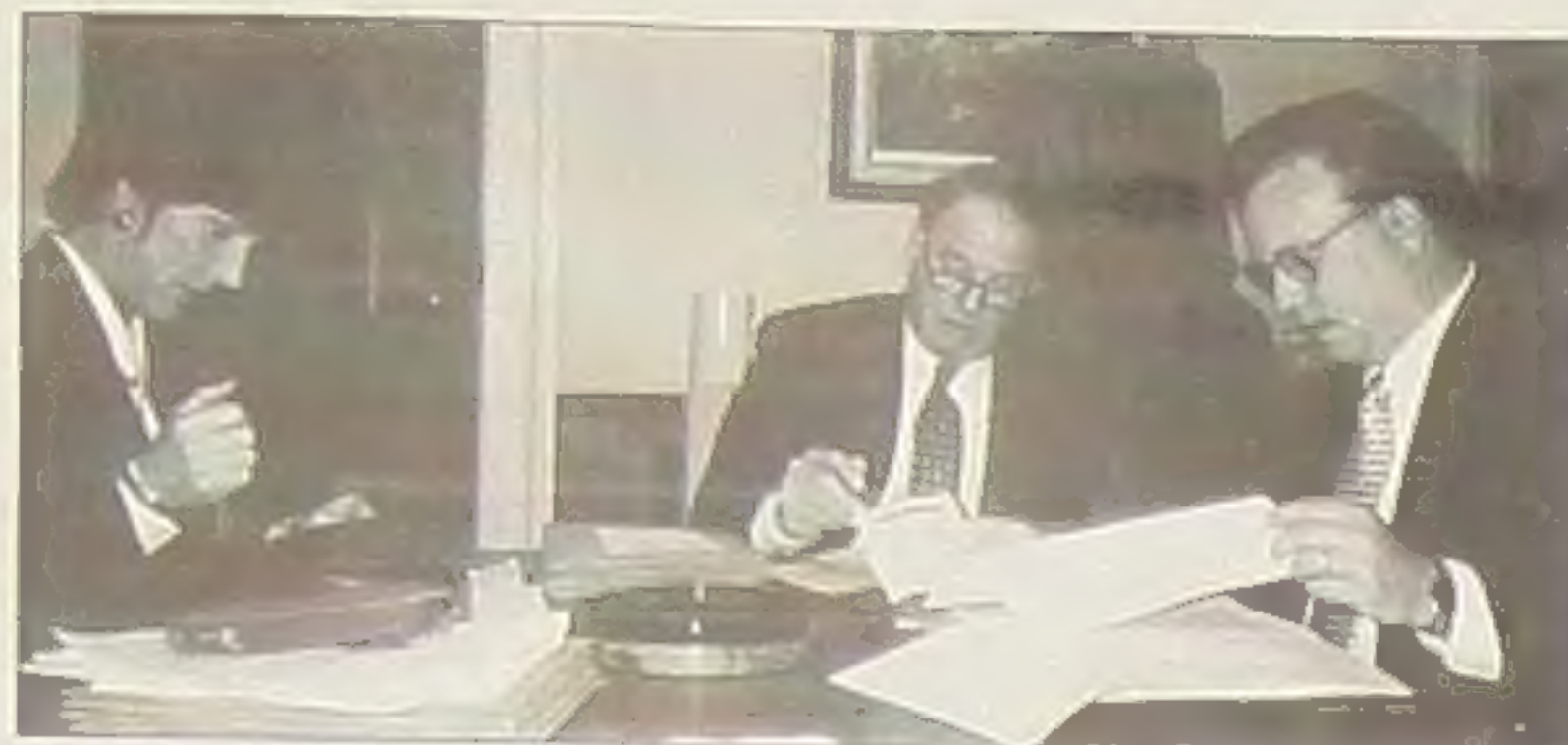
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THE LOBBYIST LIFE



Kathy Harness (left), Harry Gallagher (center), and Phil Wright plan a heavy day of lobbying. All three are associates at Gallagher Consultants.

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Gallagher makes mark on Capitol

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

He walks like an enigma through the halls, a shadow and a presence many of the tourists and wannabe politicians would dismiss as either a smalltime legislator or some other type of political hack.

However, anyone who's anyone in Jefferson City knows to stop and smile and say hello to Harry Gallagher.

Gallagher, 64, is one of the capital city's most influential and powerful lobbyists. He commands a handful of lobbyists in the capital under the shield and banner of Gallagher Consultants.

His portfolio bulges with power companies like R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, Missouri Financial Services Association, Mortgage Bankers Association, Conrail, and the Missouri Press Association, which are among the 36 corporate entities he modestly refers to as "fairly substantial" clients. Humility is not lost on Gallagher, who seems to relish the background and shuns personal publicity. He'll cover his face when walking past a television crew just checking the camera for white balance.

Even when a group of lobbyists gathers in an area, he doesn't command an audience like some; instead, he oversees the band of information demons. Many times he'll only speak when prodded or pleaded with.

That's not to say he can't command an audience, though. His deep bass voice that conjures the image of someone gargling with gravel causes heads to turn and murmurs and whispers to cease. When Gallagher does talk, most—in the room generally know to pay attention.

He is a statuesque man with an air of gallantry about him. He stands more erect than most humans. His white hair makes him look even more regal, but it's his light blue eyes, the color of seawater along the Florida gulf shore, that mesmerize a listener.

His days begin much the same everyday—early in the morning, checking on House committees who may be deciding the fate of legislation that may affect any number of his clients.

Sometimes he'll sit through a hearing and other times he'll mosey around the building looking for legislators to hand out information.

However, many times the best place to find him or any other lobbyist in the morning is across the hall from the House chamber in Rep. Gene Copeland's office.

Copeland, from New Madrid, is the senior Democrat in the House and has opened his office to the pack of lobbyists who supply coffee and doughnuts for an ever-flowing crowd of legislators and lobbyists. However, on this particular day, there were no doughnuts.

The lack of doughnuts seemed to be the biggest problem facing everyone this morning. The commotion over the doughnuts faded and was soon replaced by discussions similar to what one expects to hear at Thanksgiving dinner. The room, at its fullest, held 10 men and one woman, another lobbyist.

Gallagher spent the next hour in Copeland's office talking to everyone and no one. He followed up a few phone calls

on his cellular and drank his virgin, black coffee.

The day's groundwork was being set, and now all that he was waiting on was his colleagues from his office to show up so they could go over the list of committee hearings they needed to hit.

Planning the day

When Gallagher's compadres arrived, the planning session began. Who was where? What was being discussed? Who were the players? Who needed the information?

The questions were answered and another part of the day began. With a bundle of packets full of information concerning some bill or another, Gallagher stepped out of Copeland's office and into the hall across from the House chamber door on the Republican side.

He takes no time in pulling a representative off the floor in order to give him a packet. Gallagher must get the doorman's attention from outside the chamber and ask him to get the representative. Gallagher was step inside the Chamber, he could be held in contempt, he explained. Lobbyists are not even allowed through the doorway.

He said that as he watched one lobbyist poke her head through the door to get the doorman's attention, Gallagher said a lobbyist could be thrown in jail for an unlimited amount of time if a violation were to occur. He is careful to maintain the unwritten but oft-spoken lobbyist credo stating the lobbyist is just an information officer and not a policy shaper.

"If there were no lobbyists, the public would be the loser," Gallagher said. "That's hard to convey to editorial writers and academics."

However, many in Jefferson City and across the country fear lobbyists and their influence. Bills usually sail through the chambers mandating restrictions on lobbyists. The public perception of Gallagher and his colleagues seems to be somewhere between poisonous snake and dung beetle. No matter the amount of restrictions placed on lobbyists, legislators never take away all perks and privileges; they just lower the limit allowed to be spent on them.

A recent Senate rule change places further restrictions on the herd of lobbyists that seems to grow from year to year in Missouri and across the country.

"I don't think anyone's paying much attention to it," Gallagher said. He said it wasn't his intention to sway anyone's vote, although the information is supposed to do just that or strengthen the convictions of someone who is voting Gallagher's way.

"We're very careful not to do anything that appears illegal or unethical," he said.

Mr. Griffin comes to lunch

Lunch time comes to the Capitol and Copeland's office, where someone has set up a nice catfish chow line. The break has been made for now; business time has ceased and now it's time to relive moments from the past and poke fun at each other. The predining ruckus simmers as everybody's plate slowly emp-



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

Just another day in the office for lobbyist Harry Gallagher. Returning phone calls in his office across the street from the Capitol building in Jefferson City is a small part of his daily routine. Gallagher lists 36 corporate entities as his lobbying clientele.

ties. Soon after, former House Speaker Bob Griffin walks into the room to a dimmed welcome. Griffin, now a lobbyist as well, is invited to feed on the catfish. He sits among his new colleagues and tears into the fish.

Griffin is in his first few months as a lobbyist and has begun to pick up a decent list of clients. He was forced out of the Speaker's chair in January, and shortly after, he resigned his seat in the House.

Griffin finishes his lunch and discovers a Lyndon LaRouche booklet purporting the man's candidacy for president. LaRouche has seen both the positive and negative limelight of politics like Griffin, and the irony of the moment is lost on many in the room. As the former power-player peruses the propaganda sheet, he wonders aloud, "Where the hell does this guy get his money?"

Someone in the back corner of the room asks, "Didn't he get thrown in jail for illegal campaign contributions?"

Griffin finishes the booklet quickly and thanks the room for the meal and is gone.

"It's going to be tough for him to deal with Republicans," Gallagher said about Griffin later in the day, "and I guess tougher to deal with senators. He used to hold life or death control over bills."

Griffin is just one of hundreds of lobbyists in the Capitol nowadays. There are even more smalltime lobbyists than big-time players. There seems to be a consensus that the only person holding Gallagher back from being known as the king of all Missouri lobbyists is John Britton.

Britton, best known as the Anheuser-Busch lobbyist, is the untitled clown prince of the Missouri statehouse. He has been known occasionally to refuse information to legislators who he knows will not vote his way. When Britton testifies at a hearing, he is really holding court.

Gallagher said he doesn't have much contact with Britton.

"He doesn't like to talk to me—and I don't miss it," Gallagher said.

Gallagher wouldn't expound on the rift, but it is quite apparent. During the course of the day Gallagher ran into Britton, who was speaking with former St. Louis City Board of Aldermen President Tom Villa. Villa greeted Gallagher, but nary a word was spoken between Gallagher and Britton. When Gallagher approached the

two, Britton appeared to be sizing Gallagher up, like a cat in some other feline's territory. As Gallagher reached for Villa's hand, Britton stepped around the gesture, as though he thought that Gallagher would smack him in the ear if he turned his back on him. The moment was innately tense, but Villa handled it like a pro. It seemed to last an eternity, but it amounted to just a mere 10 seconds.

Familiar faces

The day would be full of player sightings. Villa and Griffin were just the tip of the rotunda as far as seeing some unusual and forgotten faces in the Capitol.

During a Senate labor and industrial relations hearing, former Secretary of State Judi Moriarty poked her head into the meeting to the delight of Gallagher, who seemed to find that the best part of the hearing. Moriarty is another fallen angel of the statehouse. She was forced out of her office for illegal filing, which seemed ironic on this day, as it was the last day to file for candidacy in the state.

Mel Hancock graced the building with his presence to announce he wouldn't accept Carnahan's challenge to run against him for governor. Former representative James Russell stopped by the corral to let everyone know he was going to try to get an office back in the Capitol by defeating Sen. Francis Floron (R-St. Louis).

However, one former face who clearly appeared to be just passing through was former representative Pat Hickey.

Gallagher acknowledges all of these visits with some wonderment. He has to know what they may all be up to. And he does find out, a process that doesn't seem to take very long. Hickey's presence is met by Gallagher with a couple of words, and he watches as Hickey transforms Copeland's corral into a place with the eerie feel of a 19th century saloon.



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

Harry Gallagher (right) visits with Sen. Walt Mueller (R-St. Louis). Mueller and Gallagher were both members of the Missouri House in the early 1970s.

Hickey holds everyone's attention during a strange evening session of the House. Gallagher waits outside the chamber door and comes in occasionally to see what is going on. Hickey shares stories from his recent and not-so-recent past, all of which have the tainted sense of a Pecos Bill or Paul Bunyon tale. Lobbyists, legislators, and various aides file in and out of Copeland's office during the course of the evening. All seem to listen to Hickey, who at times waxes philosophic about politics in the future.

He said the time is coming when politics will be handled by lobbyists because the legislators only have a few years to sit due to term limits. Gallagher said the bill that put term limits on legislators was a good idea.

"The people voted for it," he said. "Each

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Gallagher's career as a legislator in the House (1972-1974)

Harry Gallagher was elected to fill the House seat for the 43rd District in 1972. Gallagher registered as a Democrat for the 77th General Assembly. He was on the Elections, Insurance, and Local Government and Related Matters committees in the House. Gallagher has been married to his wife Mary for 40 years. They have six children: Harry, Jeanne, Patrick, Peggy and Penny (twins), and Maureen. Gallagher attended Rockhurst College and Kansas City Junior College before receiving his B.A. in history and government from the University of Kansas City in 1960.



CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LAW COMMITTEE

Bill puts ultimate fighting on ropes

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Testimony from the mother of a man who died after he fought in a Kansas "Toughman Contest" was heard Tuesday night at a hearing on a bill that would outlaw those types of competitions in Missouri.

Marilyn Jarczyk wept and was visibly shaking during her 20-minute testimony before the House civil and criminal law committee. She displayed a photo of her son, Eric Crow, and another of Crow's daughter during the course of her speech.

Jarczyk said the creator and producer of these contests is interested only in making money and has no concern for the well-being of the participants.

"They go from city to city across the United States with a license to kill," she said.

Jarczyk also said this isn't the first death related to these types of fighting competitions. She claims 17 others have died as a result of similar contests, but had information that could back up only 10 of the deaths.

The sponsor of the bill, Rep. Bill

Boucher (D-Kansas City) said he knew only two deaths from the contests, Crow's and another in Oklahoma City less than a month ago.

Jarczyk told the committee that she wasn't interested in monetary compensation for her son's death but that she wanted to let people know how dangerous the contests are.

Boucher has had contact with the American Medical Association and the Brain Injury Association in order to toughen laws against toughman contests but also ultimate or extreme fighting that has gained popularity around the country on pay-per-view television.

Boucher's bill would prohibit any type of combative fighting—boxing or wrestling match where a prize is given but not regulated by an officially recognized athletic sanctioning authority. The bill also calls for a ban on pay-per-view showcasing combative fighting events.

"The engine that drives this whole thing is the pay-per-view industry," Boucher said.

Boucher said he was worried about the children of Missouri gaining exposure to the events since they are held mainly at coun-

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Because no one stood against it, my son is dead.

Marilyn Jarczyk
Eric Crow's mother

ty fairs across the state. He said such fighting contests have been going on for years in Missouri.

There are many problems people have with combative fighting events, but one both Jarczyk and Boucher are concerned about is the ignorance factor. Both claim many contestants don't know what they're getting into when they sign up.

Jarczyk said her son was a champion wrestler in high school and never would have been allowed to compete against an inexperienced person.

"If he had a clue as to what he was getting into this tragedy never would have happened," she said. "Eric would have never been allowed on a wrestling mat with an inexperienced wrestler. Toughman

has no such mentality—no conscience."

Even committee chairman Rep. Craig Hosmer (D-Springfield) agreed that ignorance was a problem.

"It is brutal, and people need to know what they're getting into," Hosmer said.

Jarczyk pleaded with the committee to pass the legislation.

"Because no one stood against it, my son is dead," she said.

Crow died in December, just four days after sustaining severe head trauma in his second bout of the contest.

He was fighting for a \$1,000 purse so he could have extra money for Christmas.

A few hours after the match, Crow started convulsing at his

home. He was taken to the hospital, but his brain had swelled, rendering him brain-dead. Life support was disconnected at the family's request.

Although legislation has now banned this type of combative fighting in Kansas, only a handful of states have followed suit. According to a report on ultimate fighting on ABC's "20/20," Oklahoma, Mississippi, and North Carolina along with Kansas have banned ultimate fighting. It has also been banned in cities, too, such as Brooklyn and Denver.

Jarczyk said Pennsylvania has recently been added to the states banning combative fighting and Louisiana is also on the short list.

Also testifying on behalf of the bill was Joe Alder of the Brain Injury Association and Jim Tuscher of Paragard, a disabilities rights advocacy group.

An attempt was made later in the evening when the committee went to executive session to pass the bill out of committee and back to the House.

However, some discrepancies were cited over the language in the bill, and it will wait for the next hearing.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Final filing day finds totals down from last two cycles

With filing days over, officials in the secretary of state's office can finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Even though filing was down from the last two election cycles, 545 candidates are listed on the final tally. In 1992, 594 candidates filed, and in 1994, 555 candidates filed.

Some candidates saw March 27 as not only the last day of filing, but election day as well. In the House, 33 legislators had no opposition, and in the Senate, three senators had no opponents. Democrats fared better than Republicans at receiving no opposition. Nineteen in the House and all three senators are unopposed Democrats, while the 14 remaining House legislators unopposed are Republicans.

House members from the area are all receiving opposition. Rep. Gary Marble (R-Neosho) and Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) will both face a November vote against Democrats George Kelly of Neosho and Annetta St. Clair of Joplin. However, Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) and Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City) will face August primaries to decide their seats. Republican contenders Mat Myers of Webb City and Steve Hunter of Joplin are vying for Burton and Elliott's seats respectively.

With all 163 House seats up for grabs, 389 people filed for them. Only half of the Senate seats are up for reelection, with 43 candidates filing for them. The Democrats had the most candidates file with 389. Republicans saw 243 file, while the Libertarian Party filed 35 candidates.

National Guard Armory may convert to firehouse

The Webb City National Guard Armory may become a Webb City firehouse if a decision is made to close down the unit and consolidate it with another nearby unit.

A bill that would guarantee Webb City rights to the building and land the armory now stands on was passed unanimously by the House Tuesday, 128-0, and is now on its way to the Senate.

The land was donated in 1960 by the city to the National Guard. It is a three-acre plot in the middle of the city, according to Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin).

The bill was in response to several consolidations and armory closings planned throughout the United States. Burton said he just wanted to make sure the property went to good use as Webb City is in need of another fire station site.

Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) echoed those sentiments, saying the National Guard is downsizing because the number of ground personnel needed is no longer as great as in the past. No job losses are expected by the closing if it ever occurs. Surface also said he had not heard a date as to when the armory might shut down. The property is valued at \$150,000 by the state.

Senate rejects weapons on ballot with 16-17 vote

Concealed weapons suffered another setback last week in the Missouri Senate when a 17-16 vote failed to bring the issue to the voters of the state.

Sen. Danny Staples (D-Eminence) sponsored the bill that has undergone many radical changes, including a referendum vote amendment. Buzz around the Capitol says the bill will likely reappear in the Senate chamber later in the session.

The gist of the bill would have called for citizens to be able to conceal and carry weapons if they were 21 years of age or older, paid a \$150 permit fee and underwent a 16-hour training seminar.

An attempt to amend the bill even further failed by a vote of 22-11. It would have allowed St. Louis and Kansas City to forgo the Missouri law and adopt their own gun ordinance.

CAPTURE THE FLAG



A windy Tuesday evening made for difficult work for Capitol Police Officer Troy Thurman as he took Old Glory off the flagpole.

AMENDMENT 4

Voters opt for more work at polls

Decision will allow citizens to increase specified taxes

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Missouri voters gave themselves a few more extra minutes Tuesday when they overwhelmingly passed Amendment 4 by more than a 2-1 margin.

The vote as citizens will vote on state tax increases of \$50 million or 1 percent of the state's revenue, whichever is lower. The amendment was supported by Gov. Mel Carnahan and the Missouri Farm Bureau, who drafted the legislation.

Advertising by Republicans against Amendment 4 leading up to the vote was said to be a strategic effort to wear Carnahan according to the governor's office.

U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock (R-Mo.) is trying to introduce legislation dubbed Hancock III that would bring all tax increase issues to a

vote of the people. Hancock and Carnahan have been at each other over the past few months over the Amendment 4 and Hancock III issues.

"It was a political move," Sen. John Schneider (D-Florissant) said. Schneider was opposed to Amendment 4 when it was brought before the Senate.

Schneider believes it is the legislature's job to raise and lower taxes and many citizens won't vote for tax increases just for the sake of their taxes being brought up.

"It's extremely complex, and the legislature should take responsibility," Schneider said.

Schneider said many voters don't realize what is at stake when a tax increase is needed. He said school districts across the state would have been damaged if tax increases hadn't been made over the past few years.

As for Hancock and his plan to take every tax increase to a vote of the people, Schneider said "he's nuts."

However, the Missourians for Tax Relief office said it is gearing

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John Schneider
State Senator

up for a petition drive that would put Hancock III on the November ballot. Hancock, in his final term as a congressman, was challenged in mid-March by Carnahan to run against him for governor. Hancock declined.

Voter turnout across the state was average, according to many reports. Many believe local elections played a part in many ballots being cast.

SPECIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

New license plates showcase Missouri's waterways

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Missouri motorists who are tired of the same old maroon and white license plates on their automobiles will have a new option in January.

A special committee appointed by Gov. Mel Carnahan has decided on a new design for state license plates. Out with the solid maroon design, and in with the green and blue on white. It may sound like a sandwich but it's actually the designated color scheme decided by the advisory committee.

"We chose this design because of its basic simplicity," said Rep. Larry Thomason (D-Kennett), a member of the committee. "We

had some beautiful designs, but many had inherent problems and technical constraints."

The new plate was designed with reflective material the main reason behind the redesign.

At the top it reads "MISSOURI" in green print with a blue wave underneath. The license designation numbers and letters are also blue, with the bottom starting green and fading quickly to a blue hue and then white just after the color touches the bottom of the license design.

Along with Thomason, Sen. Bill McKenna (D-Barnhart) was the only other legislator on the committee headed by Missouri Highway Patrol Superintendent Fred Mills.

"There's always been a concern over legibility," Mills said.

Thomason said some of the nearly 400 design the state received didn't lend themselves to clearing up the legibility problem. Another problem with the designs came down to regionalization. Thomason said the new design is a salute to Missouri waterways.

The process started in September 1995, and after whittling down the designs to five, Mills said the decision to go with the new design was made Monday.

"We got it down to five plates," he said. "We wanted something legible and something reflective of the whole state."

Attempts had been made in the past to have

the General Assembly decide on a new design, but nothing could be settled. Finally, the seven-member advisory committee was formed to alleviate the problem of the aging plates.

"I knew we could never get the General Assembly to agree on a design," Thomason said. "Everybody had an idea. It almost gets into a free-for-all."

The plates will be available in January at an additional cost of \$2.25 for the initial purchase.

Missouri is one of the last states to the union to redesign its license plates. For help, the committee looked at many plates from other states that have gone through the redesign process.

GALLAGHER: Long days, busy nights fill lobbyist's life

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in our own way contribute. The legislature have the votes and power.

Being a lobbyist is a tricky business. To be one, Gallagher said, a person can't be arrogant but has to be personable and somewhat charming, something college can't teach.

The people he deals with on a daily basis are vast, and it takes quite a mind to be able to sort the names and faces and play concentration with them in order to hold a conversation with them.

Gallagher has been on both ends of the political spectrum. He

served as a representative in the early 1970s for his home district in Kansas City. His face is forever on display in the Capitol hallways just like any other legislator who ever was voted to sit in the statehouse.

"I found I couldn't make a living as a lobbyist," Gallagher said. "His decision to leave."

He said he was getting paid a little more than \$5,000 to be a representative. He would have been paid how much he makes as a lobbyist but he said it was enough to "cover overhead."

"If I didn't make a good living I'd shut down," Gallagher said.

Another aspect of the job is hav-

ing to find a way to live. He doesn't much like it.

"There are people I don't like to deal with," he said. "Some people don't have the ability to communicate what you're saying."

However, in order to serve his client fully, he must deal with everyone. The work seems to pay off. He has a great number of sources within Jefferson City. He has respect in the city as well. People aren't afraid to ask him questions. And he has friends in the city. It's always a mess in the Capitol, but sometimes the lines are blurred when he converses.

As the last day of filing ground

to a halt, Gallagher ran out to one representative and joked about filing in his district. The conversation was purely personal and the two shared it that way. When it was over, the smile that crossed Gallagher's face during the talk stayed on an extra few seconds as he truly enjoyed that moment.

It was the day Republicans were in a huff over a Democrat representative's (Gary Witt) last-second decision to withdraw his name from candidacy. Without a GOP candidate, the seat would automatically go to the other Democrat filer. Republicans stopped Gallagher in the halls to ask if he knew anyone in the dis-

trict. Gallagher thought he knew a lobbyist from there. The ordeal was just part of the job, help anyway you can.

"Democracy is deliberately complicated," Gallagher said. "It's pretty hard to screw things up."

His day ended much the same as it began. This time the sun had been long put down in the west and stars shown brightly over the capital city. The House lingered as did Gallagher outside the chamber door.

"One of the cardinal rules of this business is to never leave while they're in session—you never know what the hell they're likely to do," he said.

Sports

SCOPE

Good time for a season resurrection

Slumps can sometimes be a baseball team's best friend.

Missouri Southern started its season this year on a crash course, losing 10 of its first 11 games. The hitting was bad, the pitching was worse, and the entire ball club was gasping for air.

But head coach Warren Turner wasn't about to let his team drizzle away, especially with 10 seniors on the squad. Somehow, the Lions turned it around, going 16-3 since the terrible start. Southern has been red hot coming into conference action. A few weeks ago, the Lions proved they could compete for the MIAA title by splitting with the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the seventh-ranked team in NCAA-Division II. (Turner and senior Chris Gold agreed the Lions could easily have swept.)

And it wasn't just a few guys who contributed; it was the entire team. The pitching has improved drastically with guys like Shon Burns, who tossed a shutout Sunday against the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Turner has a team full of leaders, and the Lions certainly could make a run for the Division II World Series, which they haven't participated in since 1992. That is, if they can get out of their conference, one of the toughest in the nation.

■ How 'bout Kentucky? Big surprise, huh. I want to congratulate the Wildcats on a great season, but my coach of the year goes to Jim Boheim for getting his Syracuse Orangemen into the final game. The tournament was nothing short of spectacular this year.

I do feel sorry for Kansas, though—NOT. **■ Back to baseball.** Is it just me, or is professional baseball on the rebound? Last year, it seemed as if the sport hit rock bottom in the minds of many fans. Even the most avid fans hung their heads in disgust.

But Major League Baseball isn't giving up. New advertisements are currently running to help the public reconsider its position about baseball.

There is no doubt the popularity of baseball is still in jeopardy, but I, for one, am glad it's back.

■ Need a coach? Rumor has it Missouri Southern is looking for a permanent women's basketball coach and Carrie Kaifes is the leading candidate.

HOLD ON...Wait a second. When an interim coach wins the MIAA title and is named conference coach of the year, that pretty much ices the job. Hey, athletic department, quit the pretense of a national search and give Kaifes the job today—she's earned it. That is, if she even wants it. Any school would be lucky to have her as a coach.

Neat lady.

Posed by Ryan Bronson

BASEBALL

Lions about face after early-season skid



Stephen Crana, outfielder for the Lions, dives back to first for a pick-off attempt by Missouri-Rolla. The Lions are now 4-2 in the conference.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Candidates interview for coaching position

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

Last summer, women's basketball coach Scott Ballard left the Lady Lions for Central Missouri State University. Now, Missouri Southern is interviewing candidates for the position.

A five-member committee was appointed by Valie Beard, women's athletic director. Beard said the committee selected three finalists and conducted interviews this week.

"The committee has gone over the [applicant's] files and identified three for interview purposes," she said.

Two of the faculty members on the committee are Dr. Dirk Nelson, head of the physical education department, and men's basketball coach Robert Corn.

A recommendation could be given by the committee as soon as Friday.

The three finalists are Carrie Kaifes, interim head coach; Linda Roberts, head coach at Missouri-Rolla; and Lori Flaherty, head coach at West Virginia Wesleyan.

Kaifes led the Lady Lions to the MIAA tournament championship and a berth in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional. Southern finished the season 23-6 overall and 11-5 in the conference. Kaifes was also selected MIAA coach of the year.

Roberts led Missouri-Rolla to a 21-7 overall record and a berth in the South Central Regional. She has an 81-55 record in five years at the helm of the Lady Miners.

I'm looking specifically for individuals who are qualified, who at least have a master's degree in physical education, and candidates who have college teaching experience.

Dirk Nelson
Physical education

and a 239-181 career mark. Flaherty led West Virginia Wesleyan to a 19-7 record this season.

Nelson said he is looking for someone with the ability to teach as well as coach.

"The head women's coach will have teaching responsibilities in physical education," he said. "I'm looking specifically for individuals who are qualified, who at least have a master's degree in physical education, and candidates who have college teaching experience."

Nelson said three of the finalists meet those qualifications.

[Kevin Coleman contributed to this story.]

Southern to play Southwest Baptist this weekend

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Head coach Warren Turner has resurrected his baseball team.

The Lions took three of four games from Missouri-Rolla last weekend and improved their conference record to 4-2.

The Lions travel to Bolivar to take on Southwest Baptist University (0-8 MIAA) in Friday and Saturday double headers.

"They are always tough on us,"

Turner said. "I don't care what their record is; they always seem to get up for us."

Since losing 10 of its first 11 games, Southern has claimed victory in 16 of its last 19 games—a miraculous turnaround. Overall, the Lions are 17-13.

"We lost some close games early in the season," Turner said. "We had some pitchers that were injured."

"You can't dwell on a loss," he said. "There's life after a loss."

The pitching that was a question mark for the Lions early in the season has rebounded. Eight different pitchers have started a game this year for the Lions.

Turner said senior Shon Burns could be solidifying his spot in the

rotation after his 4-0 shutout performance in Sunday's second game against the Miners at Joe Becker Stadium.

"We need that," Turner said. "He's been doing a good job for us."

Burns scattered five hits in the contest, a blessing because Southern had just five hits as well.

In the first game, pinch-hitter Dwayne Walters' ninth-inning single past a drawn-in infield scored senior Bryce Darnell for the game winner, 5-4.

On Saturday, the Miners took the first game 9-8, but the Lions came back big with a 12-1 victory behind right-handed ace Walters. Walters (3-5) had lost his previous two decisions.

SOFTBALL



Misty Deaton slides home for the Lady Lions during their double header sweep over Pittsburg State Tuesday. Southern continued its conference win streak with a sweep over Missouri-Rolla on Wednesday.

Southern rips into conference foes

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

With the conference season in full swing, the Lady Lions have swept their first three conference opponents en route to a 6-0 MIAA start.

"We are really ripping the ball," head coach Pat Lipira said. "We've scored a heck of a lot of runs lately. And we've scored against traditionally tough conference teams."

The Lady Lions (25-3 overall) runned down Missouri-Rolla (1-5 MIAA, 14-11 overall) 13-0 and 15-5 Wednesday afternoon at Lea Kungie Field.

The Lady Lions were down 2-1 entering their half of the second inning when sophomore second baseman Jenni Jimerson tripled in the tying run. One out later, Misty Deaton and Julie Finley hit back-to-back inside-the-park home runs to give Missouri Southern a 5-2 lead.

Jimerson is pleased with the team's play this season. Southern is ranked No. 18 in the latest NCAA Division II poll.

"We've taken advantage of the opportunities we've had and had a lot of timely hits," she said. "That's led to a lot of our success this season. We've had good defense and good pitching. I'd say that's a formula for success."

Even though hitting for power is not a Lady Lion strength, the team has the ability to put several runs on the board.

"We don't have as much power, but we are good at blending," Lipira said. "We've done well blending our bunting with the power we do have. We score a lot on singles. We use our speed and steal a lot of bases."

Southern hits the field again at 3 p.m. Friday at the University of Missouri-St. Louis (3-1 MIAA, 6-9 overall) and 11 a.m. Saturday at Lincoln (0-0, 4-10).

The Lady Lions return home for a 3 p.m. game Tuesday against nationally ranked Central Missouri State University (0-0, 14-5). □

Southern Scoreboard

The scores, stats, and numbers every Lions fan should know.

Baseball

MIAA STATS

Standings 3-31

North	conf	overall
Missouri Western	4 1 0	16 13 0
Central Missouri	5 2 0	18 10 0
Emporia State	3 2 0	13 5 0
Washburn	3 3 0	18 12 0
Northwest Missouri	3 5 0	15 9 0
Northeast Missouri	0 5 0	6 23 1

Lion Numbers

BATTING	AVG	BB
Boy Berkley	.667	1
Rui Form	.350	1
Brandon Eggeston	.375	2
Bobby Braedick	.375	17
Dwayne Walters	.350	5

PITCHING	W/L	ERA
Travis McGruiser	2-1	2.70
Andy Hill	2-2	4.27
Shon Burns	2-0	4.41
Jason Hare	0-0	4.50
Dwayne Walters	3-5	5.20

Softball

MIAA STATS

Standings 3-31

North	conf	overall
Emporia State	3 0 0	22 8 0
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Washburn	2 2 0	16 10 0
Central Missouri	0 0 0	14 5 0
Northwest Missouri	0 2 0	8 12 0
Missouri Western	0 4 0	11 13 0

Lady Lion Numbers

BATTING	AVG	BB
Melissa Grier	.545	17
Jenni Jimerson	.493	16
Ginger Daniel	.397	17
Julia Finley	.375	9
Teri Maize	.333	2
Kim Wilson	.319	16
Pamela Brewer	.310	18
Amber Peterson	.304	1

PITCHING	W/L	ERA
Holly Trentham	11-2	0.99
Toni Mathis	1-2	2.33
Jane Roberts	9-1	2.48

Date, Time, and Place

- Friday Softball
- Lady Lions at Missouri-St. Louis, 3 p.m.
- Baseball
- Lions at Southwest Baptist, 1 p.m.
- Saturday Softball
- Lady Lions at Lincoln, 11 a.m.
- Baseball
- Lions at Southwest Baptist, 12 p.m.
- Monday Softball
- Lady Lions vs. Central Missouri, 3 p.m.
- Baseball
- Lions at Northwest Missouri, 1 p.m.

OLYMPIC *hopeful*

Native Jamaican wins All-American

By JASON OWEN
STAFF WRITER

The goal of every indoor track runner is the NCAA national indoor meet, because only by doing well there can one hope to become an All-American. Paul Baker, however, didn't just hope to become an All-American, he did it.

"I am so proud of him," said Tom Rutledge, men's track coach. "This should really give him some good momentum going into the outdoor season and for his Olympic trials this summer."

While outdoor season is important to Baker, the Olympic trials are his true aiming point.

"Making All-American felt great," Baker said. "But not as good as running in Atlanta would feel. That would be a real dream come true. I'm going to go back to Jamaica and try and run for them. I've run against several Jamaican runners at college competitions, and so I have some idea of the competition I'll have at the trials."

"I just have to run my best and see what happens."

That dream could very well become a reality, Rutledge said.

"Paul has the talent and the drive," he said. "But more importantly, he has the desire to do it. You've got to love that."

That desire, Rutledge said, was what Baker had to have to make the national competition.

"He's been so close in the years past," he said, "and the competition this year was tough. He had to just decide he was going to make it, and that's just what he did."

Close, Baker said, didn't quite cover it.

"I made it to outdoor nationals my sophomore year," he said, "but I didn't make finals. Then, last year, I missed going to indoor nationals by one 100th of a second and outdoor nationals by three 100ths of a second. I told coach I had worked too hard to not make it this year."

"The funny thing," he said, "is I almost didn't make it this year. I never ran an automatic time so I had to

depend on what other people had run as provisional. I was the last person they took for the 800 meters."

Baker, Rutledge said, ran an "intelligent" preliminary race on Friday in Indianapolis.

"I knew they were only going to take eight people to the finals," Baker said.

"So I was running and counting people at the same time. I

knew I just

had to be eighth

if I was to go, and I

ended up seventh."

That night was a rough one for Rutledge. With the finals the next day, it was almost impossible to sleep. Rutledge, in fact, might never have slept if it weren't for Baker's calm composure.

"I roomed with Paul," Rutledge said, "and that might have made it worse. We went over our strategy for the next day's race, and I thought it was a good one. I just couldn't sleep, though."

"About midnight I rolled over and said, 'Paul are you awake?' He said he was, and I told him, 'Tomorrow you have just got to run like a bat out of hell! There's no other way to do it.' He said, 'I know, coach, that's just what I was thinking.'"

"Knowing we were on the same page really helped me calm down. Paul knew what he had to do, and I knew he could do it."

Baker said the victory was especially sweet because of whom he beat.

"I beat four guys I have never beaten before," he said. "I even beat a guy who went to the same two-year college I attended before coming to Southern."

"He was always the No. 1 guy there, and I was always the No. 2 guy. Then this year at conference he beat me. I was the two-year returning champion in the 800 until then. It was a little tough, but I guess I beat him when it was really important."



CATHERINE ROSS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Senior 800-meter runner Paul Baker hopes to compete in Atlanta for the 1996 summer Olympic Games in August, representing his native country of Jamaica.

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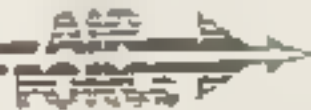
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Children's tennis camp leads Klontz to teach ESL



Part-time English instructor Patsy Klontz (right) is certified to teach English as a Second Language. She currently tutors Kezhen Liu, Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence.

By BRANDON CAMPBELL
CHART REPORTER

After leading Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) devotions for 250 women the last eight years, speaking to 25 college students should seem like a breeze, right? Not necessarily.

"In BSF, the women who came really wanted to be there and most had prepared beforehand," said part-time English instructor Patsy Klontz. "That's not always the case in my freshman composition classes."

BSF, although it may not have enhanced her teaching skills, has enriched her life. She has met people over the world during BSF's summer leadership conventions.

"I have a pen pal who lives in Africa, and another in San Palos, Brazil," she said. "It's nice to know if I ever have some sort of problem in a foreign place, I just may know someone there."

Klontz' experience with foreigners doesn't end with just acquaintances. She is certified to teach English as a Second Language (ESL). She has helped a number of people from other countries learn English.

"I was majoring in linguistics at the University of South Carolina, but when my husband and I moved and I switched schools to Wichita State University, the school in which I graduated, they no longer offered that degree," Klontz said.

She is currently working with Kezhen Liu, from China, Missouri Southern's first Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence.

"You don't necessarily have to speak someone's language to teach that individual English," Klontz said.

"I started as a French major, but to teach someone English you just have to have a good understanding of English. English is a difficult language."

She first began helping others with English when her children, Becky, 17, and Christopher, 11, began attending a Southwest Baptist University tennis camp.

"They would befriend tennis players who had come to the camp from other countries," she said. "Oftentimes they would bring them back to our house, mainly because I like to cook, and I would help them improve their English."

Her children's tennis friends didn't only

help her to get into linguistics, they also played a large part in encouraging her to take up running, something that has become a passion in her life.

"They knew I loved tennis but they told me I ought to try running, so I did and have been ever since," Klontz said. "It's to the point where I'd almost rather run than play tennis."

She runs early nearly every morning. "My friends and I during the summer sometimes run our Twin Hills route. The route is made up of where we all live. One of us will get up and begin running to the next person's house, where we will pick up that person and proceed to the next house. It works well."

She recently ran in her first 15K, a feat she is quite proud of. She plans to run another this year, but she is not sure whether she is interested in ever running a marathon.

"Twenty-six miles is a long way," she said. "I did run 13 miles once, though, just to see if I could."

How fast? "I run slow," she explained. "It's high for me." □

ART DEPARTMENT

Knepper makes choice to return to Southern



Southern graduate Alice Knepper returned to Joplin from Iowa in 1983 and will soon complete her third semester as a part-time art instructor.

Part-time instructor would like to travel, study European art

By JEREMIAH HEISS
CHART REPORTER

What is the best way to handle stress and worry in today's world?

"Smile a lot and don't take things too seriously," says Alice Knepper, part-time Art Appreciation instructor at Missouri Southern.

This is not to say that Knepper has a high-stress lifestyle. She moved to Joplin 13 years ago from Sioux City, Iowa.

"I was a secretary for a hundred years at Baird, Kurtz and Dobson (accounting firm)," she said.

After earning her bachelor's degree in studio art at Southern, she moved to Tennessee. There, she earned her master's in history at Eastern Tennessee State University. After that, she came back to Joplin and has worked at Southern for three semesters.

"I have just always loved art," said Knepper of why she chose the career.

She most enjoys seeing students get excited about art and understand its importance. She believes when more people learn about art, "the cultural aspect of the community can only benefit."

Knepper plans to stay at Southern for as long as she is needed and teach as many stu-

dents as she can about art.

When Knepper moved to Joplin in 1983, she knew this was going to be home.

So it was an easy decision to come back to Southern to teach.

When she is away from the College, Knepper does a little painting and drawing. Most of her time is spent gardening and remodeling her house.

"I donate time to the George A. Spiva Center for the Arts," Knepper said. "but other than that I'm pretty much involved with my family."

Knepper has a daughter who lives in Des Moines, Iowa. Her son is a police officer in Parsons, Kan. She has another daughter who attends school at Southern. All three are married and have children.

Knepper is proud of herself for being able to finish college after her children were grown. She would still like to get her Ph.D. and travel to Europe to study the "honest-to-God real pieces of art."

Jacqueline Kennedy and Jane Austen are the people Knepper admires most because of the things they have accomplished. She is impressed by anyone who maintains their dignity and works hard to meet their goals.

"Everybody's got problems, and it sometimes makes them unhappy," Knepper said. "Try to look at everybody you meet as if they have a serious problem and that you want to understand them and make their life better." □

Tracing Bloodlines

Hale searches for roots of towns, counties

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

Many puzzle over what contributions to leave the world, but for Ramon Hale, receiving clerk the answer is genealogy.

Hale's interest in genealogy extends beyond the roots of his own family tree. Along with his wife and youngest son, Hale is researching the bloodlines of towns and counties in Oklahoma and Arkansas to one day publish a collection of history books.

The books will cover areas that haven't been touched on before. Not only will the works relay the facts and figures, they will pass on regional tales.

"There are so many stories that are going to die with us older people if they're not written down," Hale said.

His interest in people is what makes his work in the central receiving department of Southern most enjoyable.

My aunt said that working around the kids up here is what's keeping me young," Hale said.

Hale monitors and checks out all incoming merchandise for the College. He came to Southern in March 1994 when the B.F. Goodrich plant he worked at in Miami Okla. shut down.

The four-state area has been Hale's lifelong home. He attended high school in a small town in Newton County called Stark City, where he met his wife, Sparkles. From there, he settled in his current home of Miami to work at the B.F. Goodrich plant. His family grew with the birth of three children: two sons and a daughter.

Though he has stuck close to home, Hale has no regrets for the path he has chosen.

It'd be hard to turn down what I am, what I've got," he said.

Hale calls on a quote from American author Mark Twain to sum up his philosophy of life:

"Do right. Your friends will expect it and your enemies will be confounded by it."

Hale said he hopes to "leave the world a little better place because I was here, make it a little easier for the next guy." □



Ramon Hale, Southern's receiving clerk, monitors all incoming merchandise for the College. Hale plans to record the area's history in a collection of books.

NURSING DEPARTMENT

Houser likes enthusiasm, 'family-like atmosphere'

By SHANDY McBRIDE
CHART REPORTER

What was supposed to be a retirement turned out to be only the beginning.

Betty Jo Houser, assistant professor of nursing, had planned to settle down in the Midwest with her husband. She said after raising their three children in Wisconsin, she was ready for a change.

After hearing about a job opening, Houser made a visit to Missouri Southern in the summer of 1995. She said she liked the "whole philosophy" and the "family-like atmosphere" of Southern.

"The enthusiasm of the nursing department got me hooked," Houser said.

She decided that retiring at this point was not what she wanted to do. Following interviews with Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing; Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology; Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic

affairs; and College President Julio Leon, she said, "I knew Southern was the place to be."

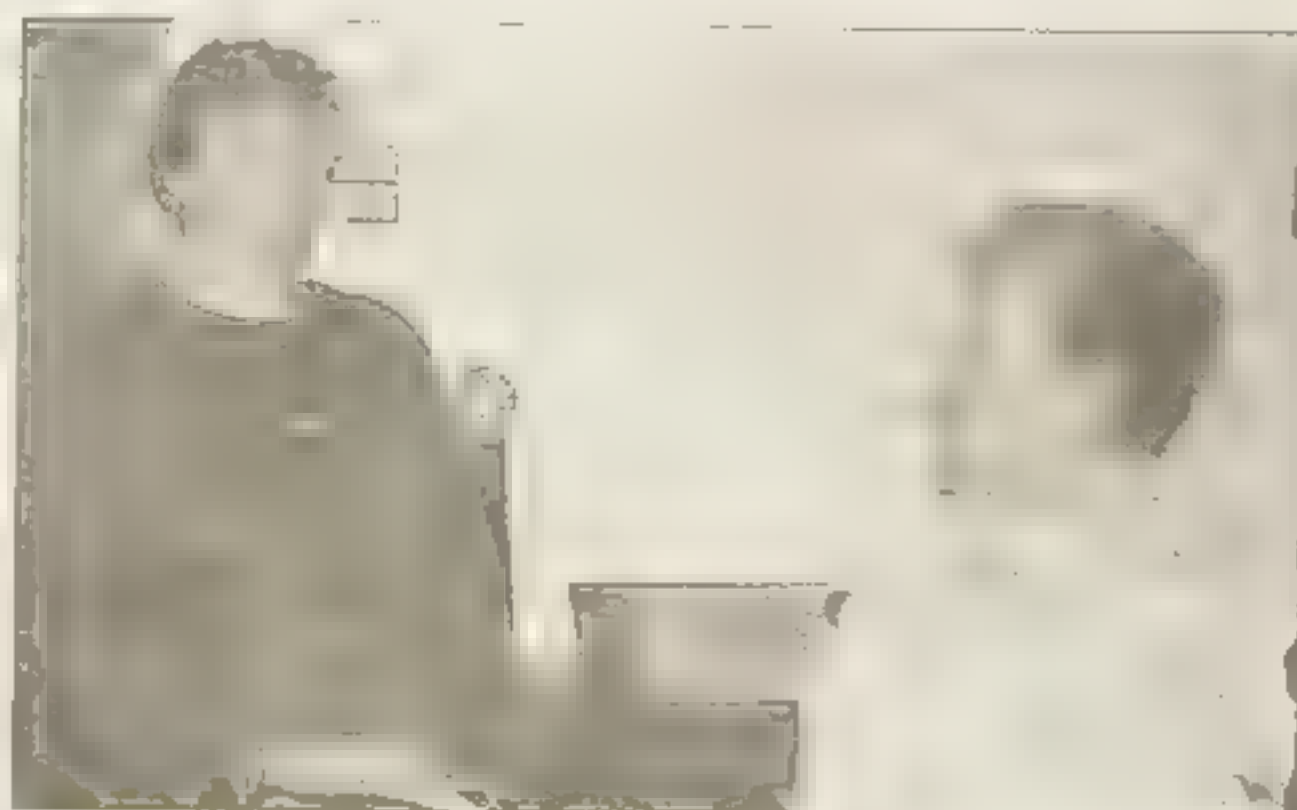
Houser received her bachelor of science in nursing degree at Loretta Heights College and her master's degree at the University of Wisconsin. She is also a certified clinical specialist.

"I always dreamed of being a psychiatric nurse, but it was my mother who wanted to be a nurse," Houser said.

She said her mother always held high standards for her as well as herself.

Nursing was not always Houser's No. 1 priority. She is certified in early childhood education. Before coming to Southern she opened her own preschool at the YMCA in Madison, Wis., called "Small World." She said this worked out well until her children began growing up.

Houser's job at Southern consists of teaching theory classes in psychiatric nursing and coordinating



Betty Jo Houser (right) speaks with Linda McGuirk, a secretary in Kuhn Hall. Houser's job includes teaching theory classes in psychiatric nursing, the psychiatric mental health clinics at St. John's Regional Medical Center.

"My time is limited," Houser said, "but I love to read, swim, walk, and spend time with my husband."

Houser says the most rewarding

part of her job is "the students."

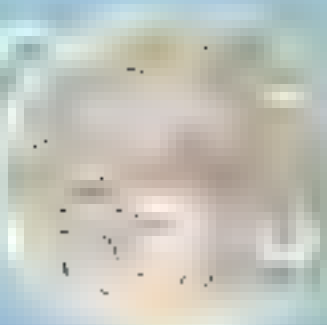
"The students are wonderful, enthusiastic, and interested in learning."

Her advice to college students is to be committed. Put your priorities first, and focus on what you need. It's well worth your time." □

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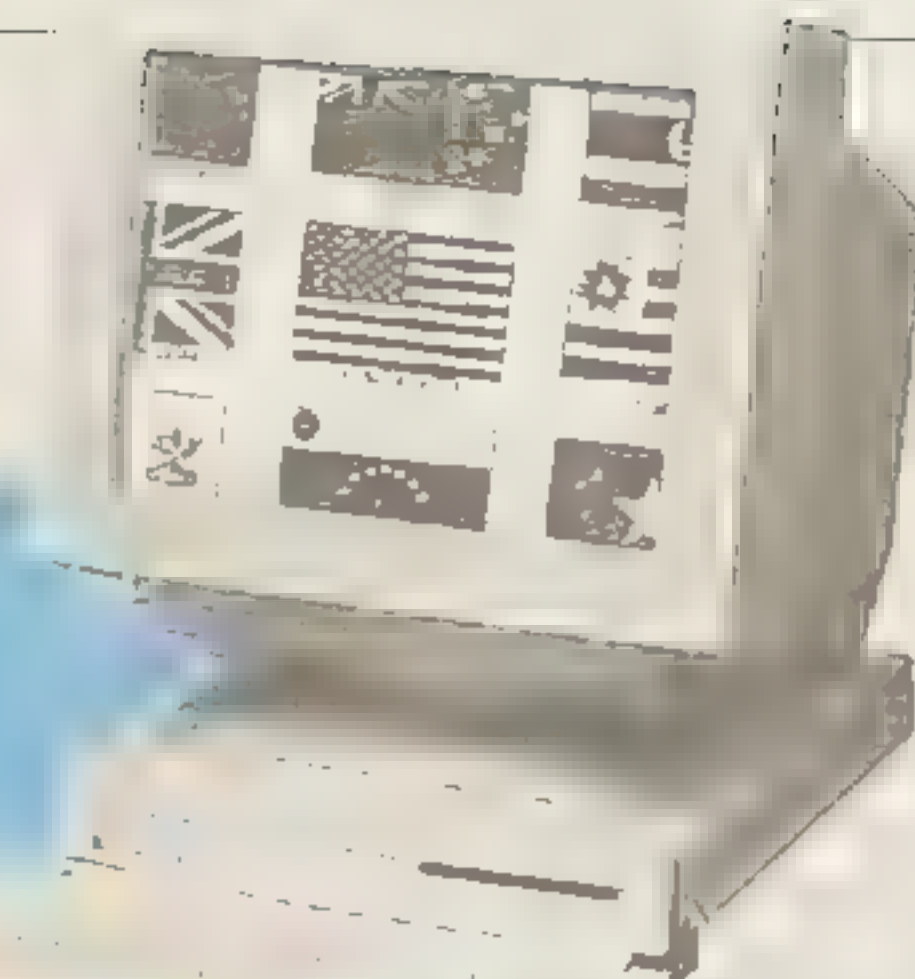


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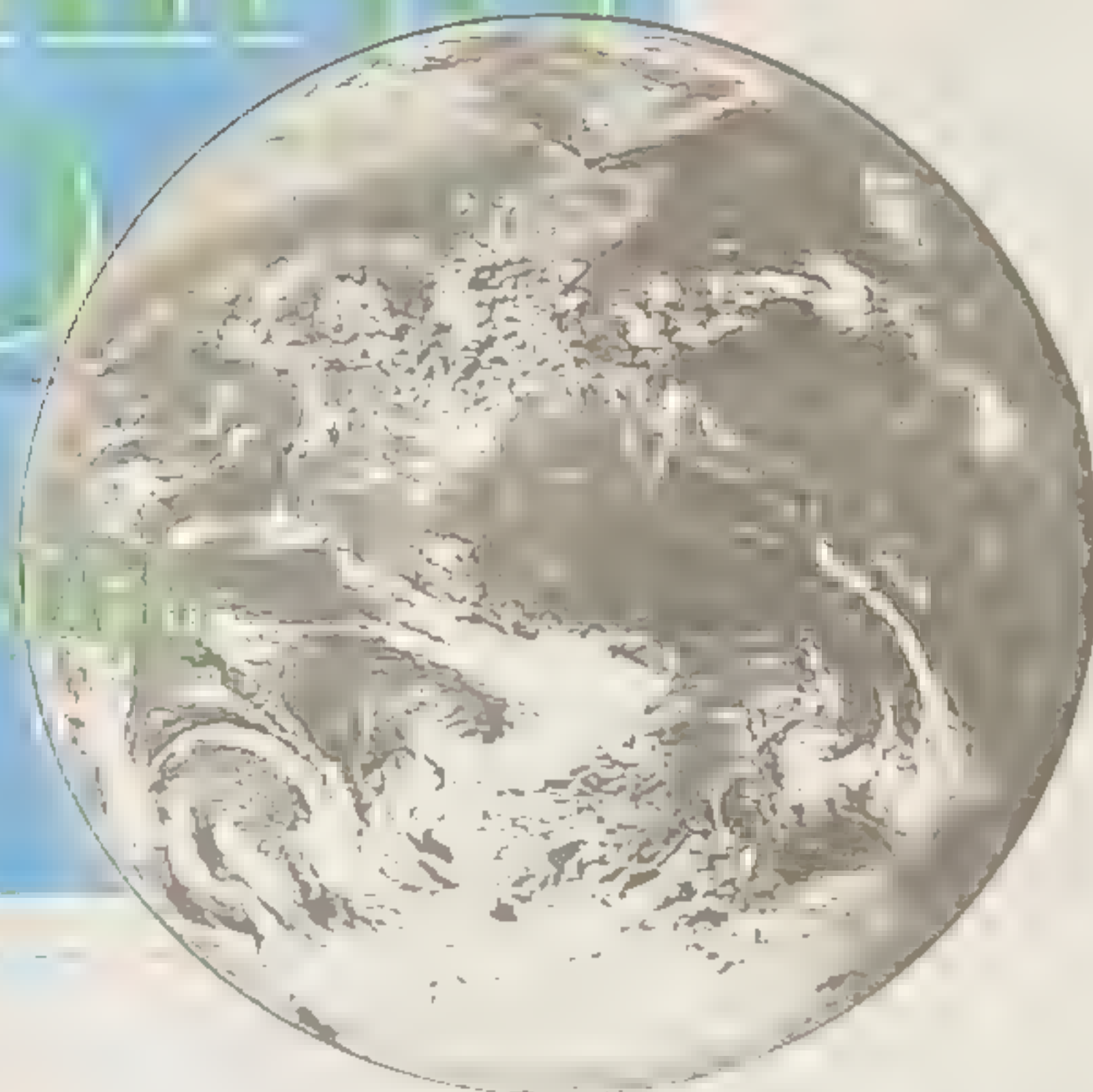


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INTERNATIONAL MISSION HISTORY

Mission running on all cylinders...finally

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

After six years of planning, it looks as if Missouri Southern finally will receive a significant amount of money to implement its international mission.

First-year funding for the mission will be voted on during the current legislative session. The state approved a three-year, \$2 million plan, but each portion of the funding must be approved by the state each year, according to Dr. Julio Leon, College president.

Leon said he expects mission funding for fiscal year 1997 to be comparable to Gov. Mel Carnahan's recommendation of \$796,697.

Although the mission was not approved by the state until last year, Leon said the College has been gearing toward an international focus since 1990.

"The international emphasis or approach is not new here at Missouri Southern," Leon said. "The Board of Regents, back in June of 1990, approved the expansion of the mission to include an emphasis on international education."

Since 1990, Leon has dedicated his efforts toward giving Southern's students and instructors opportunities that many colleges in the nation do not provide, but providing these luxuries costs money. Consequently, the College could implement only certain plans when the funding became available, he said.

The lack of funding for the international focus presented a problem for Leon. Without the funding, how would Missouri Southern keep up with its own aspirations of an international emphasis?

In the summer of 1994, Leon was presented with an answer. In a meeting with several Missouri college and university presidents, Dr. Charles McClain, former commissioner for higher education, proposed a plan that would provide Southern with the funding to fulfill its international aspirations.

McClain's plan was simple: Coordinate the colleges and universities in Missouri to provide uniqueness and eliminate overlapping programs.

"He felt that if, in fact, this would distinguish colleges in areas of specialties, rather than all being the same and duplicating programs, then that would pass the legislature," Leon said, "and the state would be willing to finance this emphasis (the international mission)."

McClain offered the idea of specialization to all Missouri higher education institutions, but because Southern ranked near the bottom in funding per student on the state level, the College was one of the first schools to reap state-funding benefits. As it turned out, Missouri Southern, along with Missouri Western and Southwest Missouri State University, would test the legislative waters.

First, however, the College had to draft a plan to submit to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

"In the fall of '94, the Coordinating Board approved [our plan]," Leon said, "and it was at that time that the CBHE asked each institution to submit a plan (to be approved by the CBHE), and then they suggested that each institution introduce its own legislation."

The bill also included a master's degree in accounting and improvements in manufacturing technology for Southern.

In 1994, the Institute of Public Accountants in Missouri sponsored a bill that essentially accelerated the number of



Burton

credits necessary for a student to become certified. The bill, which was passed, said that starting in 1998, anyone who wanted to sit for the Certified Public Accountant test must have completed 150 hours of course work. The College offers accounting majors only 120 hours.

Leon said the legislature approved Southern's graduate accounting program two years ago, but that the College included it in the international mission bill for funding purposes.

Leon said the College is asking first for the international mission portion of the funding, given that the graduate accounting program will not be necessary until 1998.

"If I were to have the money [for the accounting program], I would do it right now," he said. "Given that I'm going to get only a third [of the money] each year, what would I like to have first?"

Southern originally asked for a master's degree in education as well, because the people in the area were anxious for that degree, according to Leon. Apparently, though, other colleges were opposed to a graduate education program at Southern because it presented a duplication of programs, so it was dropped from the plan.

"There were a lot of changes that took place during that legislative session," Leon said. "Originally, we were all going to go together in one bill—all three schools. SMSU did not want that. They wanted to be on their own."

In Jefferson City, several legislators viewed the bill negatively, designating it as a disguise for SMSU.

"One of the things that many legislators had concerns about was that it did not appear as if these proposals were part of a comprehensive plan," Leon said. "It appeared as if this was being pushed by Southwest Missouri State University because, in the past, they had tried very hard to change their name to Missouri State University ... and that we were just going along for the ride to help them get more votes."

"So some of them began to question what we wanted to do because of that and then they began to question the CBHE: 'What kind of plan is this?'"

Leon said when the legislature went to the CBHE, it caused some difficulty.

"Unfortunately, at that time, the CBHE was in the process of searching for a new commissioner," he said. "Consequently, they were in a period of transition, and so

CBHE Commissioner's View

"With the approval of House Bill 442 (1995), the General Assembly and Governor endorsed a mission enhancement of Missouri Southern that will enable the College to infuse a global perspective into its curriculum. This means expanded foreign language offerings, establishment of an International Trade Center to provide counseling to area businesses, a more focused international studies curriculum and greater coordination and integration of the College's international programs. The College's international focus is appropriate, given the increasingly global economy in Missouri."

The mission refinement for Missouri Southern is part of an ongoing effort to review and enhance the missions at Missouri's colleges and universities. This effort began with mission refinements for Truman State University in 1985 and Harris-Stowe State College in 1993. The review of the missions of the rest of the state's public colleges and universities will continue in phases over the next five years."

Kala M. Stroup, Commissioner
Coordinating Board of
Higher Education



Stroup

The international emphasis or approach is not new here at Missouri Southern. The Board of Regents, back in June of 1990, approved the expansion of the mission to include an emphasis on international education.



Dr. Julio Leon
College President

there wasn't that much support from the CBHE as far as the legislation was concerned."

About midway through the 1995 session, the Missouri House of Representatives voted against the bill. Area legislators did not want to let the mission die, but something had to be changed. Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) and Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) began lobbying to get the bill through without SMSU attached.

"It was reintroduced and we separated the issues," Burton said. "We took each one as their own separate entity, and they all passed."

Once the bill was passed in the House, legislators in the Senate had little time to push the legislation through.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) and Sen. Sidney Johnson (D-Agency) urged the missions bill to the floor, and on the next to last day of the session, the bill was passed.

"I don't think there was any major problems with the bill," Burton said. "It just needed to get on the floor. Once it got to the floor, I don't think it had any problems."

Leon said the funding for the mission is vital to the future of Missouri Southern. Now, with the international mission, the College officially becomes specialized and will be eligible to receive the funding necessary to implement immediate plans.

"It would have taken us, who knows, 10 or more years before we would have some of the things that we're going to be able to do right now," Leon said.



THE CAPITAL

Many in Jefferson City thought the idea of Missouri Southern's international mission to be pointless, but area legislators fought for the plan and saw it through tough times in both Houses.

Helping the mission to fruition

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Only a year ago, the Missouri legislature passed a monumental bill in the eyes of Missouri Southern's administration.

The bill allowed Southern to significantly increase its plans concerning its international mission.

No money was included in the bill, but currently legislation is pending to give Southern \$2.2 million over the next three years to help produce the mission. Strong proponents of the bill were Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) and Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) as well as Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca).

"I've always supported Missouri Southern and their mission, and as it has evolved—the international mission," Singleton said.

Singleton said any time Southern could garner an extra \$800,000 to add to the core budget, he would be pleased.

Many bills come and go in the lifetime of

lawmakers, but this bill stands out in Surface's mind.

"It was quite a controversial bill," Surface said. "It received a lot of questions concerning the usefulness of it and whether there was a need for an international mission."

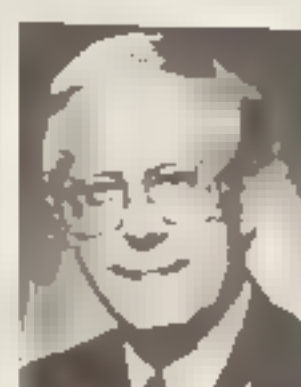
Both legislators said they remember many voicing concern over the bill during the 1995 session. Some in the Capitol were against it because the University of Missouri-Columbia already had a similar program.

"They (legislators) finally realized every college is trying to carve out their own niche," Surface said.

The bill originated when the Coordinating Board for Higher Education brought Southern President Julio Leon's international mission plan to Gov. Mel Carnahan. A bill was written and handled by Rep. Gary Witt (D-Platte City). Many



Burton



Singleton



Surface

legislators like Burton and Surface signed on as co-sponsors.

Trouble in the House was settled and the bill was passed and sent to the Senate where it breezed through. It was finally passed into law with Carnahan's signature in May.

Surface said the bill allows money to be spread more evenly.

"Funds are being more fairly allocated," Surface said. "We don't have that one school that is king anymore."

The "king" used to be MU, but area legislators believe that with the passage of the bill, MU's reign of superior funding has ended.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

7 courses slated for innovative degree

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps the most visible evidence of the College's international mission is a new major and minor degree program in international studies. Pending the approval of funding, the new major will be offered in the fall of 1996.

"The curriculum committee has met for over a year now," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "The major consists of a set of core courses that are interdisciplinary covering topics such as economics, environment, governments, and technology. They are now working on syllabi to present to the academic policies committee, and then it will go to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE)."

The tentative plan for a bachelor of arts degree in international studies requires 46-50 credit hours in international courses in addition to the 48 hours of core requirements. A total of 18 hours in one foreign language is also required, as well as 18-22 hours of electives.

A total of 21 credit hours is required for a minor in international studies, which includes 6 hours of foreign language beyond the B.A. requirement of 12 hours.

"I would say we're getting close [to finalizing the curriculum]," Bitterbaum said. "The faculty is still discussing some of the points, but we're 80 to 90 percent there."

"I'm hopeful that the major will have 20 to 30 students [initially], and perhaps more in the minor."

According to Nadine Schmidt, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, the major has application in a variety of fields, including business, politics, marketing, entertainment, tourism, journalism and education.

"It would really open a lot of doors," she said. "If students were willing to investigate all the possibilities, they could go almost any direction."

Funding for the new major and all the other aspects of the international mission is expected to be approved soon.

As the College implements its international mission, the effects will be felt across the campus.

"It's a lot more than just the addition of a major," Schmidt said. "The international mission has many parts, of which the international studies major and minor are just one part."

College officials are seeking to fill nine new faculty positions in many disciplines to accomplish the initial goals of the mission.



Seven new classes will be required for an International Studies degree—

- Introduction to International Studies
- World Humanities
- World Environmental Issues
- Contemporary World Civilizations
- Comparative Political Economy
- Technology in International Affairs
- Senior Thesis in International Studies

DEPARTMENTAL DIVERSITY

New classes on horizon for program

By NICK PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

Missouri Southern is broadening the scope of several of its current courses to comply with the international mission.

Although there is a proposal for seven new international studies courses, many classes with international slants already exist and will be offered as electives for the international studies majors.

Dr. William Kumbier, associate professor of English and a member of the curriculum subcommittee for the international task force, said the subcommittee went through the course listings and identified those courses which it thought were international in scope. The subcommittee then added those classes to the proposal as electives.

"We found classes that would qualify in almost all of the departments," Kumbier said. "In my department, for example, we have world literature courses. These would lend themselves to the international studies."

Kumbier said, in its most recent form, the international studies major would require 46 to 50 international credits. Kumbier said eventually each department will offer classes labeled "international studies."

"The problem with some of these courses [is that] it will take time to develop them and to implement them," he said.

For many of the departments on campus, the international mission will not have an immediate or drastic effect. Pete Havelly, head of the music department, said his department falls into that category.

"Our participation will come when the mission is more established and focused," he said. "Music is already international within itself. We are not immediately affected by the mission change."

Havelly said he would like to see his students learn more about music, but not solely from Western Europe and the American society, as is now taught in music history books.

Dr. Stephen Spector, head of the English department, said it would be difficult to add any new courses.

—INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE—

“My husband told me it is not easy to talk to your own neighbor here.”

Kenya native finds differences in U.S.

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

When Dorothy found her 11-year-old son surrounded by shrill little Munchkins, she immediately informed Toto “I don’t think we’re in Kansas.” Though not quite so extreme, Gladys Agandi, a Missouri Southern student from Kenya, experienced a similar feeling of displacement when she came to the United States.

Agandi has lived in Joplin for a year and a half, and she lived in Tennessee briefly before coming to Joplin. Her husband, Oyoo, came to the United States a year before she and their two children joined him.

The opportunity for education lured the Agandis to the United States.

Though they had both pursued higher education in Kenya, students there are not always allowed to choose their course of study. Gladys went to Nairobi University where she was required to major in education, a field for which she had no interest.

Oyoo works for Meadowbrook Health Care as an occupational therapist and takes night classes at Southern to complete a business degree. Gladys is pursuing a degree in computer information science.

“I want to get my master’s degree, go back to my country, and start my own business,” she said. “Computers are new in my country. Most companies do not have them, and they do not have people trained to use them.”

She and her husband foresee the business as a joint venture. The career change for Oyoo should prove to be

more lucrative than occupational therapy.

“His job at home is not well paid like it is in this country,” Agandi explained. “People do not live as long in my country. The longest people live to age 70.”

The Agandis’ successful move to the United States has made them the envy of all their friends and family, but as grateful as she is for her education here, Gladys looks forward to going home. She expects to return to Kenya in about four years.

“In my country, we live in a community that is I live with people I know and they know me,” she said. “When I came to the United States, my husband told me it is not easy to talk to your own neighbor here. That’s something I had never thought I’d never gotten to know my neighbors here.”

To Agandi, Americans are much more private, independent people than her countrymen.

Their aloofness has been disappointing to her, and it intensifies her homesickness.

“When I went to college in my country, there were students who came from many different areas,” she said. “I didn’t know most of them, but within a short time, I knew most of them. In this college, I really don’t know how many students I know—maybe less than 10.”

Agandi said she has closer friendships with the other international students than with the Americans, and she regrets that there are not more foreign students on campus.

She believes Southern would be more successful in establishing its international focus if it would recruit more students



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Daily

Holding her 4-year old son, Brian, (left) and her 2-year old daughter, Lorreen, Kenya native Gladys Agandi relaxes at home after attending classes at Southern.

from other countries. Even so, she thinks it will not be easy to change the way American students perceive the rest of the world.

“The people of the United States are not interested in other countries,” she said. “They just want to know about their own country.”

“When I tell someone I’m from Kenya, I expect someone who is in college to be familiar with the geography of the world, but he doesn’t even know where it is. When I went to school in Kenya, I knew where the United States was. It could be because they are not taught, but I don’t think so. It’s only that they are not interested.”

For the most part, Agandi has had positive experiences with the faculty and administration of the College.

Agandi learned British English in Kenya and finds it frustrating that some words are spelled differently in American English. The national language of Kenya is Kiswahili, but there are many tribal languages.

“I can’t believe you people only speak English,” she said.

The Agandis speak their tribal language, Luo, at home so their children, ages 4 and 2, will know the language when they move back to Kenya. Still, they might feel a little like Dorothy at first. □

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

Many students still confused by international mission

By STEPHANIE GOAD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Although Missouri Southern has been promoting its international mission, some students are unaware of what it is, and several claim they have never heard of it.

So what is the international “mission?”

“I would assume by the name that it was a Christian organization because of the word mission,” said Cathy Tummons, sophomore psychology major.

Other students simply believe that the College should focus on what’s going right here, in the United States.

“I am very pro-American, and it takes away money that

could be put elsewhere for students in our own country,” said Tim Kerr, sophomore theatre education major.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said students will learn more and more about the mission as time passes.

“It (the international mission) begins the day you open your College catalog—there’s a whole page about our international mission,” Bitterbaum said. “Slowly but surely it’s coming to fruition. It’s slow, but some of it has been very fast.”

“It disappoints me that people aren’t aware of it, but I think that in time people will become more aware.”

Margie Hill, senior sociology major, said she believes she has a good grasp of the mission.

“It’s the development of a curriculum that addresses the needs of a culturally diversified society and a world that is growing more interactive with technology,” she said.

But has the College adequately promoted the mission?

“As far as I know, all they have done is put it in a catalog and mentioned it in College Orientation,” Hill said.

“They could send brochures out to high school seniors that stress the opportunities that an international emphasis would open to them.”

Bitterbaum said the Oxford summer program and the International Student Exchange Program are just the beginning of what is to come.

“Obviously, there is still a lot of planning going on. Once we get the resources,” he said. □



MISSOURI'S COLLEGIATE MISSIONS

State offers variety of educational tools

Public institutions gear missions to enhance students' learning

By RICK ROGERS
METRO NEWS EDITOR

With all of the diverse educational aspects Missouri's public higher education institutions provide, the questions for many students is what college or university's mission is geared toward them.

Missouri Southern, whose mission was passed by its Board of Regents on June 15, 1990, offers its students an international mission, focused toward an international approach to educating its students.

Like many institutions in the state, Southern offers baccalaureate programs that foster the total education in each student including the liberal arts, professional and pre-professional programs and technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community.

College President Julio Leon said Southern's mission offers students an angle toward education not offered anywhere else in the state.

"It is going to be different and that is all you can really say," Leon said. "You cannot say that it is going to be better necessarily, but it is unique and distinct. I think that it is going to be attractive to a lot of students who will be interested in this kind of approach."

Leon said he did not receive much feedback from other colleges and universities after Southern switched to its international scope.

"Just about every school is already doing more and more international programs in education," he said. "So, we are just going to be doing a little more and specialize a little more."

Dr. James Roeber, Missouri Western State College's vice president for academic affairs, said his college's outlook consists of a wide variety of students for the future.

"We do two-year programs and three-year programs," he said. "And we also teach a lot of continuing education classes. So, all of these are a part of our mission. Our mission's main focus is to provide a quality education in the areas a student wishes to major in."

Here is a look at nine other colleges and universities' missions.

UM-Columbia

The University of Missouri-Columbia's primary mission in research and doctoral education provides enhanced opportunities and challenges in the undergraduate area of humanities, arts, and sciences, and in selected professional fields and provides the basis for service to the people of the state via outreach programs.

UMC aspires to achieve national and international prominence for its research and educational contributions. It will build on its research strengths in basic and applied biological and sciences, nuclear and related physical and engineering sciences, and selected social and behavioral sciences. It will strengthen its leadership roles in agriculture and journalism.

UM-Kansas City

The University of Missouri-Kansas City is the only university in western Missouri offering graduate and professional study at the highest academic level.

UMKC is responsible for educational programs in three areas: the visual and performing arts, the health sciences, and urban affairs (law, business education and similar programs important to the local community). UMKC aspires to develop programs of eminence in both the basic life sciences and computer science and telecommunications.

UM-Rolla

The University of Missouri-Rolla has a major responsibility for meeting Missouri's needs for engineering education. UMR offers residential programs that include a full range of engineering and science degrees and complementary liberal arts degrees and programs.

UMR conducts research to advance knowledge, to provide essential supports for graduate education and to enhance undergraduate education. There is also a special emphasis on research in materials science and engineering, manufacturing, geotechnical engineering and environmental science and technology.

UM-St. Louis

The University of Missouri-St. Louis is committed to basic and applied research, teaching and service. The campus serves the undergraduate, graduate and professional needs of the citizens of Missouri.

HIGHER EDUCATION MISSIONS IN MISSOURI

UM-Columbia.....Research and doctoral education

UM-Rolla.....Engineering education

UM-St. Louis.....Applied research, teaching, and service

UM-Kansas City.....Visual and performing arts, health services, urban affairs

Northeast Mo. State University.....Liberal arts

Northwest Mo. State University.....Agriculture, business, teacher education

Southwest Mo. State University.....Public affairs

Central Mo. State University.....Applied science and technology

Southeast Mo. State University.....Liberal arts and sciences

Missouri Southern State College.....International education

Missouri Western State College.....Liberal arts and sciences

In addition to providing programs in the liberal arts, UMSL provides educational programs in science and technology, health professions and urban affairs which includes public policy, business and teacher education programs important to the local community.

Northwest Missouri

Northwest Missouri State University's emphasis is upon agriculture, business and teacher education, particularly as these professions contribute to the primary service region.

The university promotes applied research which relates directly to the needs of its region, improves the teaching and learning process and advances understanding in the subject matter areas of the institution.

Northeast Missouri

The main focus of Northeast Missouri State University's mission is to provide its student the opportunity to gain a liberal arts education. The institution's goal is to offer an exemplary undergraduate education grounded in the liberal arts and sciences.

The university offers undergraduate studies in the traditional arts and sciences as well as selected pre-professional and master's level programs.

Southwest Missouri

Southwest Missouri State University has taken a general focus toward a liberal arts and sciences education.

SMSU's mission provides a basis for successful mastery in focused disciplinary and professional studies as well as

enabling critical, independent intellectual judgment on the culture and institutions of the larger society.

The university is focused in four theme areas: professional education, health care, business and economic development, and performing arts.

Central Missouri

Central Missouri State University's mission's primary focus looks at the technology and the applied sciences. CMSU's four colleges offer more than 150 areas of study in applied sciences and technology, arts and sciences, business and economics, and education and human services.

Southeast Missouri

Southeast Missouri State University is a regional institution which achieves educational goals through the offering of instructional programs and other learning experiences at the certificate, associate, baccalaureate, master's and specialized levels.

SEMO provides educational services which recognize its responsibility for the advancement of knowledge and the preparation of leaders in all segments of society. SEMO provides a wide-range of programs that address the intellectual, professional, personal, social, and cultural needs of its students.

Missouri Western

Being only one of three higher education institutions to do so in the state, Missouri Western State College continues to honor its tradition of open access to students. MWSC provides a blend of traditional liberal arts and sciences and career oriented degree programs.



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

--INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE--

Mission brings swift changes

By STEPHANIE WARD
STAFF WRITER

Working toward bridging the knowledge gap between the United States and foreign countries, Missouri Southern's international mission is charging into future and bringing with it great change.

Richard Massa, head of the communications department, said there were changes almost immediately after College President Julio Leon announced new courses would be added in Chinese, Japanese, and Russian languages, with the full development of these, as well as further development of French, German, and Spanish.

He said the greatest change is "the language yet to come" and that the international mission is different from five or six years ago and continues to be in a constant state of flux.

"We're trying to do upgrades in the language," said Dr. Allen Merriam, professor of communications. "As far as the international languages we offer like Chinese and Japanese."

Merriam said the communications department is getting more majors, which he says may be stimulated by the international mission.

"Through the international program," said Kexhen Liu, visiting instructor from Beijing, China, "American students can know more things about every country. It can expand American students' ideas and thoughts."

Liu is direct evidence of the international mission at Southern. He came to the College in August to teach Chinese. He believes the mission gives students a chance to experience other cultures in a hands-on type of learning. Liu has spoken to the Intercultural Communications class taught by Merriam. He answered questions about such things as daily life, religious beliefs, and cultural customs.

Brian McKee, senior communications major, said he believes the international mission has incorporated more international issues into the communications classes.

"In my Communication Law class last semester," McKee said, "we didn't just learn about laws in the United States; we learned about the laws in other countries, too."

Merriam said he thinks students benefit from getting a broader world perspective.

"It broadens our horizons," Merriam said. "It provides greater global awareness for students, which is a good idea in a shrinking world, because what happens in one country influences other people around the world."

Massa said the College will also try to provide different opportunities for future students, such as international internships and study programs in Mexico. He said Southern will try to establish a new kind of partnership with the public and private junior high and high schools of southwest Missouri.

Massa said he hopes the international mission can "create a love of international studies and language that will carry with students throughout their schooling" and that they "will see the values of this approach in education."

No one knows where the next five or six years will take the international mission and what changes will be brought to the communications department.

"If you start out slowly," Merriam said, "it's kind of hard to cover the whole world immediately." □

“ I think I could help Poland somehow... ”



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Iwona Drozdek, freshman economics and finance major, demonstrates a karate maneuver to Blane Cullen, 7. Drozdek, who is a member of Southern's honors program, says her time in the U.S. is priceless.

Drozdek has high aspirations

By RONNA SPARKS
STAFF WRITER

Most individuals attend college hoping to improve their own lives, but Iwona Drozdek's goal is to help an entire country.

Drozdek, a freshman economics and finance major from Poland, wants to use the education she receives at Missouri Southern to improve her homeland.

"I've read so many books about the transformation of Poland, and it's fascinating to me," she said. "I think I could help Poland somehow because Polish people need a good economy and people who know about Western culture and Western economy."

Drozdek, a participant in the honors program, believes her experience with the Western economy will help her goal come to fruition.

Poland entered a transformation in 1990 when the inflation rate hit 600 percent. The country is attempting to improve its economy

by becoming more westernized. Although the inflation rate is much lower, Poland still needs help.

Drozdek said Polish citizens need to find out how a healthy economy survives.

"In order to make it work, we have to expand our knowledge because we don't know much," she said.

"We still have so much to learn. We learn a lot by our own mistakes and experiences, but we still need help."

Dr. Pat Kluthe, assistant director of the honors program, said she believes Drozdek has the potential to make a difference in the country she loves.

"With her major, she will have the opportunity to return to Poland," Kluthe said, "and having the right education, she could influence the future economy of Poland."

Drozdek said she has already seen the influence of the transition on her homeland. For the first time in her life, she traded in Polish coins when she returned home for

the summer, which proved to be a rather difficult task.

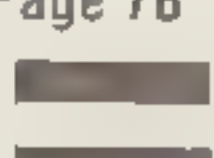
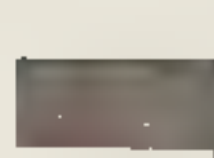
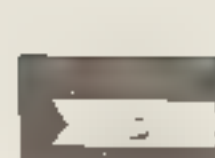
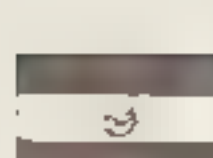
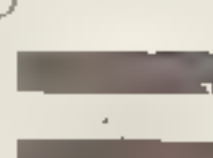
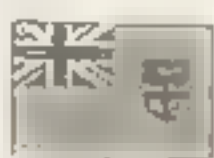
"I was totally lost," Drozdek said. "I went to buy bread and the year before it was about 5,000 and now it's just 5. Here we have dollars and coins, but in Poland, I'd never seen that—I'd never seen coins."

The time Drozdek spends in the United States is priceless to her and her family. Due to Communist rule, her parents were not permitted opportunities such as Drozdek has, and that motivates her.

"My parents didn't have the chance to do anything like this, and since I have this opportunity, I don't want to waste it," she said. "I want to take advantage of my life and use whatever I can because I'll never have this opportunity again."

Although Drozdek misses her family in Poland, she said she relies heavily on her American family.

"They treat me like a member of their family," she said. "They're so open and honest, they're wonderful. I couldn't have asked for a better family." □



FOREIGN LANGUAGE VILLAGES

Camp, activities to promote learning

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

If you notice a few prepubescent students at Missouri Southern this summer, don't be surprised.

The College is planning to hold its first-ever language camps for rising fifth, sixth, and seventh graders with the first of two one-week "village" camps beginning June 16. The second camp will run June 23-29.

The camps, both of which are Spanish-based, will focus on educating area children in foreign language and culture, but they are also designed for fun.

The "villagers" will choose their own Spanish names, pass through immigration, and have their passports stamped before the first class even begins.

Each day will be different, starting with classes and moving on to extracurricular activities such as soccer, swimming, dancing, singing, reading, or watching Spanish videos.

"It's really a summer camp," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, "so the kids can come and have fun, but it also has a very important educational aspect."

The idea for the camp came from a similar but much larger camp operated by Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. The Concordia camp specializes in several other languages besides Spanish.

"Eventually, we hope we can expand and add more languages," Bitterbaum said, citing German as one of many possibilities. "This would be something ideal—25 years



Schmidt

from now, people would look back and say it was marvelous what the College did working with the local K-12 schools in trying to raise the consciousness of everyone in the community about the importance of language and culture."

Nadine Schmidt, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, said the College has been busy preparing for the camps this semester.

"We were pretty sure we were going to do it last fall, and we really sort of hit the ground running in January in getting all the details in order," Schmidt said. "It's something the president (Dr. Julio Leon) and the vice president for academic affairs are really excited about."

Schmidt separated the work load for getting the project set up into two categories.

"There are a lot of logistical and instructional pieces to it," she said.

"In our office, we have been dealing a lot with the logistical part of it and working with different offices on campus to make sure we have the dorm rooms available for the students to stay in, the classrooms for them to be in, that they can use the athletic facilities while they are here, and also just gathering personnel for the camp because we needed a group of teachers who taught Spanish, and we also needed a group of college-aged students who spoke Spanish to be camp counselors."

The camp will be run by at least seven teachers and as many as 12 college students. Each of the two camps will host approximately 60 students, depending on how many applications the College receives.

The "dean" of the camp is Penny Hagedorn, a Joplin High School Spanish teacher and graduate of Missouri Southern.

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Dr. Erik Bitterbaum
Vice president, academic affairs

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Other instructors include Marilyn Seber, Jackie Daugherty, Joe Lesue, Kandice Steckstor, Irma Rawlins, and Isabel Vazquez, who is a native of Puerto Rico.

Bitterbaum said it is important to inform the community about the project.

"We want to let our community know [about this because] it's on a first-come, first-serve basis," he said.

The first year it's going to be just rising fifth, sixth, and seventh graders. We're working with the Joplin schools, and we're going to give them several thousand copies of the pamphlet."

Bitterbaum said pamphlets describing the camp and containing applications will be spread in all area school districts. He also said he's not worried about filling the 120-student quota—each at \$400 a pop.

"We are also going to advertise in the newspaper," he said, "so we're not concerned about getting enough students."

Bitterbaum said many students will



SESSIONS

1st session: June 16-22

2nd session: June 23-29

HOW TO JOIN

Students must be rising 5th, 6th or 7th graders.

NO PRIOR

LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED.

Students will be bringing home pamphlets from their schools.

ACTIVITIES

Each day's activities are different.

The range includes soccer, swimming, dancing, singing, the Internet, Spanish crafts (like piñatas), Spanish foods, siestas, reading, and watching videos are also included, plus a barbecue and much more!

receive financial aid from area businesses if the students qualify.

"We want to provide opportunities for anyone interested [in attending the camp]," he said. □

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Instructor envisions more change, bright future

By LESLIE ROBERTS
EDUCATION EDITOR

Changes to the foreign language program envisioned by Dr. Ben Peterson include requiring all majors to study a language, intensifying language courses, and studying across disciplines.

"With the institution of our new mission, there's a lot of stretching and growing—and moaning—that has to take place," said Peterson, professor of Spanish. "Where foreign languages are concerned, I think one of the first things that we're going to see happening is some intensive language courses, such as the ones at the Defense Language School or Monterey Institute for International Studies in Arizona."

Changes to the Spanish program will be instituted in the fall semester. The first three beginning courses will cover

what previously was covered in four semesters. Peterson said the fourth semester still will be required but might venture into using the language across the student's discipline. That may cause strife with some students and instructors, he said.

"This will be more difficult for the students, and also for the teachers," he said. "Not only is it more difficult to cover the material in the time allotted, but also it may make teachers less popular with the students because they won't be able to give out as many A's or B's."

The core requirement for foreign language study is another aspect Peterson said deserves examination.

"We will need to look carefully at whether we want everyone to have foreign language study," he said. "Years ago, we said, 'Everybody needs to know economics.' So the planners and administrators will probably be struggling with that. That will be a difficult decision, but it

probably needs to happen if we're going to be that kind of an institution."

Jenny Ertel, senior English and Spanish major, said she thinks the foreign language requirement is valid; however, she believes that the learning process should start before a student enters college.

"I think students should start learning a foreign language in elementary school," said Ertel, who started taking Spanish in the eighth grade.

Peterson also believes in encouraging students to start the learning process before college, and he thinks that Southern probably will need to expand the annual Modern Foreign Language Field Day.

"I believe that we will have to open up space somewhere, and we certainly have the potential to do maybe 700 people—high school students—rather than the 500 we're doing now." □

MULTI-MEDIA IN CLASSROOMS

Computers reinforce books

By RONNA SPARKS
STAFF WRITER

It has been proven that media used in the classroom to supplement lectures aids students in their comprehension level of the material.

While many instructors limit their media use to overheads and video tape, some have recognized the use of multiple types of media, such as computers.

Dr. John Messick, head of the biology department, uses the program ADAM (Animated Dissection of Anatomy for Medicine) to supplement lectures and labs.

ADAM allows one to view the anatomy of the human body from superficial to deeper layers of tissue, he said.

This type of media also allows instructors to present information to students who have a variety of learning types.

For a student to use learning time efficiently, most senses must be stimulated, which is where media like ADAM play an important role. It uses a sound card for auditory stimulation, detailed pictures for visual stimulation, and allows the students to interact, giving them hands-on learning capabilities which Messick believes is an asset to this program.

The fact that it animates and allows the

user to change various parameters makes it an excellent learning tool, he said.

David Groves, senior psychology major, said he found the program beneficial to his comprehension of the information.

It reinforced our lab books by helping us not only see the muscles, but apply what we learned to them," Groves said. "It's really interesting because it has a lot more to offer than just using the book."

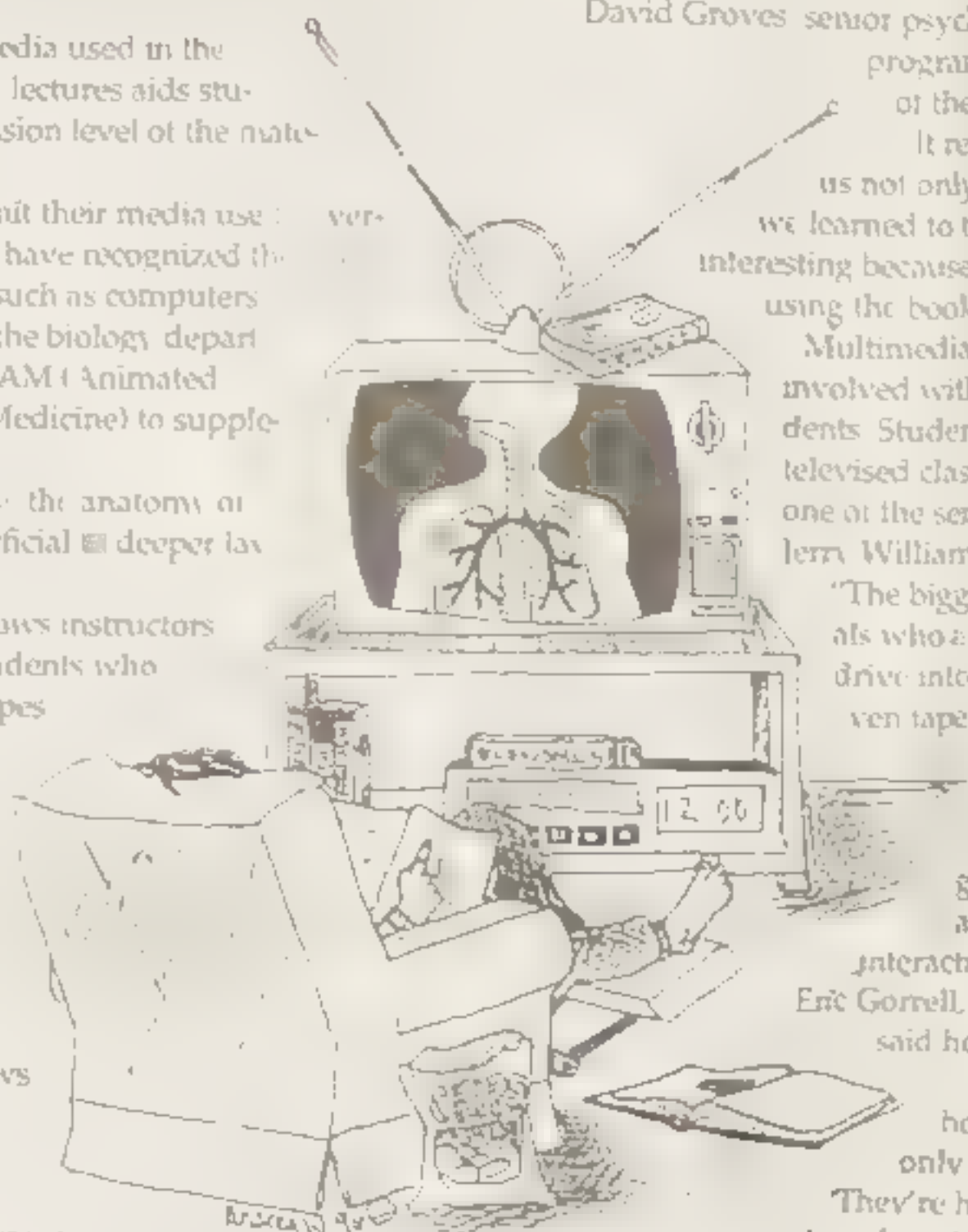
Multimedia approaches to learning are also involved with taking the classroom to the students. Students are able to enroll and succeed in televised classes that are convenient, which is one of the service's main advantages, said Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education.

"The biggest advantage is for those individuals who are working and who aren't able to drive into Joplin," Williams said. "They can even tape the classes and watch them later if their schedule conflicts."

For the approximately 200 students who enroll in the program, the convenience is an asset, although televised classes limit the interaction and college experience.

Eric Gorrell, freshman pre-engineering major, said he misses out on the opportunity to meet people because he works 40 hours a week in Monett. This is the only opportunity he has to take classes.

"They're handy for people who live out of town and work and are unable to drive the distance to Joplin," Gorrell said. "It's a matter of convenience."



COMMUNICATION

Home page to answer global call

By ALICE CARLSON
STAFF WRITER

Education is rapidly changing, and new and different learning programs are consistently coming to fruition. Because of the information overflow, new ways of handling and processing this information must be developed.

A new program at Missouri Southern, the Global Communication System, is going to offer the public a way to access and sort through much of this information in a logical and concise way.

"Global Communication System is a project to expedite all forms of communication between the College and as much of the rest of the world that allows free and open communication," said Richard Massa, head of the communications department. "The program is now in the very early stages of conception."

With the Global Communication System, "people will be able to plug into Missouri Southern's home page and find a link to personalized news," Massa said.

The development of the Global Communication System, which includes all areas of the communications department, is dependent on future faculty and students who will be developing the venture further.

Massa said the reasoning for the program is to expand its users' knowledge about the world and those who live in it.

"Our goal is to provide the opportunity for everyone to find information more easily about global areas and become better acquainted with the people of the world," he said. "Information dominates our lives. In a few years, our lives will be dominated by information on demand."

"As we are beginning to be involved in the Internet, and the World Wide Web, we want information—and we want it now."

The Global Communication System is "based on the concept that we will get news on demand with the computer as the energizing force," Massa said.

The system will allow such things as on-line broadcast of international news and issues of international newspapers.

"It is hard to tell at this point how this program will change MSTV because there is nothing definite at this time," she said.

Massa said the College can ill-afford to put projects like this on the back burner.

"The future is here," he said. "It's time to start doing it."

ENGLISH FLUENCY TEST

Bill could initiate tests for instructors

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Certain members of Missouri's legislature get their way, collegiate educators will be in the same boat as their students.

Two proposed bills, one in the House and one in the Senate, would test instructors in fluency of the English language. The test would consist of oral, written, and aural exams. The bill affects instructors from non-English-speaking primary and secondary schools.

Some at Missouri Southern believe the test would not only be unproductive, but is irrational.

"It seems unnecessary, expensive, and labor intensive," said Nadine Schmidt, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs. "Some institutions may have a few complaints from students, but to my knowledge we've never had any complaints."

The bill in the Senate is sponsored by Sen. Peter Kinder (R-Cape Girardeau) and

has the support of students at the University of Missouri. Associated Students of the University of Missouri sent lobbyists to the State Capitol early in the session to testify on behalf of Kinder's bill. Kinder said the problem stems from math and engineering classes.

Kinder's bill has been passed out of the Senate education committee.

"The testimony from students was emphatic," Kinder said. "A communication problem exists in our college classrooms that we need to correct."

However, Dr. Rodolfo Schweizer, assistant professor of Spanish at Southern, said there is no problem that needs to be corrected.

Schweizer is a native Argentinian who received his master's and doctorate as a student in the United States.

"It's ridiculous to ask for it," Schweizer said. "We've taken care already."

Schweizer said exams of that nature were already given during his years as a student.

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because one or two students don't understand," he said.

Schweizer said students who say they don't understand an instructor usually are using it as an excuse for doing poorly.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE

Hayibor hopes to heal Ghana natives

By KATE WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

Although a stranger in Missouri Southern at the beginning of the year, Tony Hayibor threw himself into activities with a vigor.

Hayibor, a freshman premedicine major and a native of Ghana, has made himself right at home by involving himself on campus. Hayibor is a student senator, a member of Koinonia, the International Club, and the Biology Club; and a residence hall staff assistant.

Hayibor who was born in Ghana lived there for his formative years but at the age of 9 moved to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

He doesn't believe there are many differences between the two places he grew up and the United States. Americans might have an image of Saudi Arabia as a less metropolitan area, but Hayibor said he is not used to living in a small town like Joplin.

"I grew up in the city," he said. "That is the major difference. You don't see trees, you see buildings."

Hayibor hopes to be able to graduate from a prestigious college and then return to his native country as a doctor.

"When I was 17 one of my favorite aunts died of breast cancer, and there were no physicians to take care of her," he said. "The community back in Ghana needs physicians. I have a chance to go to a good school and become a physician, then go back and help the natives."

Hayibor's parents and sisters still live in Riyadh. Hayibor first came to America when he was 15 to a boarding school in South Dakota.

"My father told me about snow, and the first time I saw it I thought it was a little bit weird," he said.

Other than the snow, Hayibor contends that everything seemed normal. He was also prepared for the trip by his father, who

attended medical school in St. Paul, Minn. He hopes to follow in his father's footsteps.

Hayibor said upon arriving in America, one of the biggest differences he noticed was the women.

"The ladies in Saudi you can't see their faces," Hayibor said. "They are always wearing veils."

Not only is he medically inclined, he is also musically inclined. He plays bass drums in the marching band and the concert band.

Besides all the time he has spent on activities, Hayibor has gotten out and met people. The opinion on campus seems to be that Hayibor is an all-around out going guy.

"He's a friend for life," said Matt Morris, junior theatre major. "Even though I don't see him often he's cool every time I see him. Most people say that he'll talk to anyone."

"He doesn't need to adjust to American society. He fits right in."



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Tony Hayibor, freshman premedicine major and Ghana native, rides his bike to class. He also plays the bass drums.

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTER

Program to aid College, area schools

Language Alliance to form 'bridge' for center, teachers

By AMY DENTNER
STAFF WRITER

Responding to a need for international language awareness, Richard Massa, head of the communications department, has created an outreach program that will benefit area schools and businesses.

The Missouri Southern International Language Resource Center will be established pending final budgetary approval of the state legislature by July 1, 1996, according to Massa.

Massa said there were more than 40 languages spoken in southwest Missouri in the 1920s and 1930s, and since then many have been lost.

"We're in the third and fourth generations now," he said. "Those generations haven't kept them (the languages) up, and yet they're essential."

Massa said the program will provide access to resources to area schools, grades K-12, of the nine counties of southwest Missouri as well as promote workshops for businesses and students. For Southern students, the center will provide language laboratory facilities.

According to Massa, one purpose of the outreach to area schools is to "encourage development of language programs at all grade levels, or encourage language learning by people of all ages."

The center is one part of a triadic approach that will provide resources and technical assistance to the College and area schools, Massa said. Video and audio tapes, laser discs and computer programs will be available at the center.

Though the position for director of the center has not been filled, Massa said the 12-month professional staff

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTER

The International Language Resource Center will provide technical assistance to area schools and businesses. The center will also provide language instruction and support of the language instruction mission. The triad is:

1. The Center will provide resources and technical assistance to the College and school districts;
2. The Language Villages will encourage pre-college learning;
3. A Self-Managed Language Learning Laboratory (to be developed) will encourage independent language learning among college students.

RICH ROGERS/The Chart

position will require that the person be proficient in at least one language besides English. The director will also teach one class per semester as well as work closely with the Southern foreign language faculty.

"The individual who will be employed will have the responsibility of developing liaisons with the language faculty at area schools, developing the outreach program, and making languages much more of a service discipline to the wider community," Massa said.

The director will also work closely with the Language Alliance, an organization which is part of a national movement in education. According to Dr. Marvann Weber, associate professor of communications, the Alliance involves teachers at all levels with a common interest in foreign language education.

"The Alliance will probably be a way for teachers to give some feedback to the College in what things will be the most useful and helpful to them," Weber said. "So I see the Language Alliance as a bridge between the resource center and teachers of the region."

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Program to help LEP students

By CRAIG BEFFA
EDITORIAL EDITOR

With the area population increasing rapidly with non-English-speaking individuals, the education department is proposing to teach both pre-service and in-service educators.

"Missouri Southern is a college for people in a 60-mile radius, not just for Joplin," said Kaye Abight, assistant teacher certification officer at Southern. "And with 80 schools within the 60-mile radius, we hope this program will help."

The state of Missouri has a certificate in Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

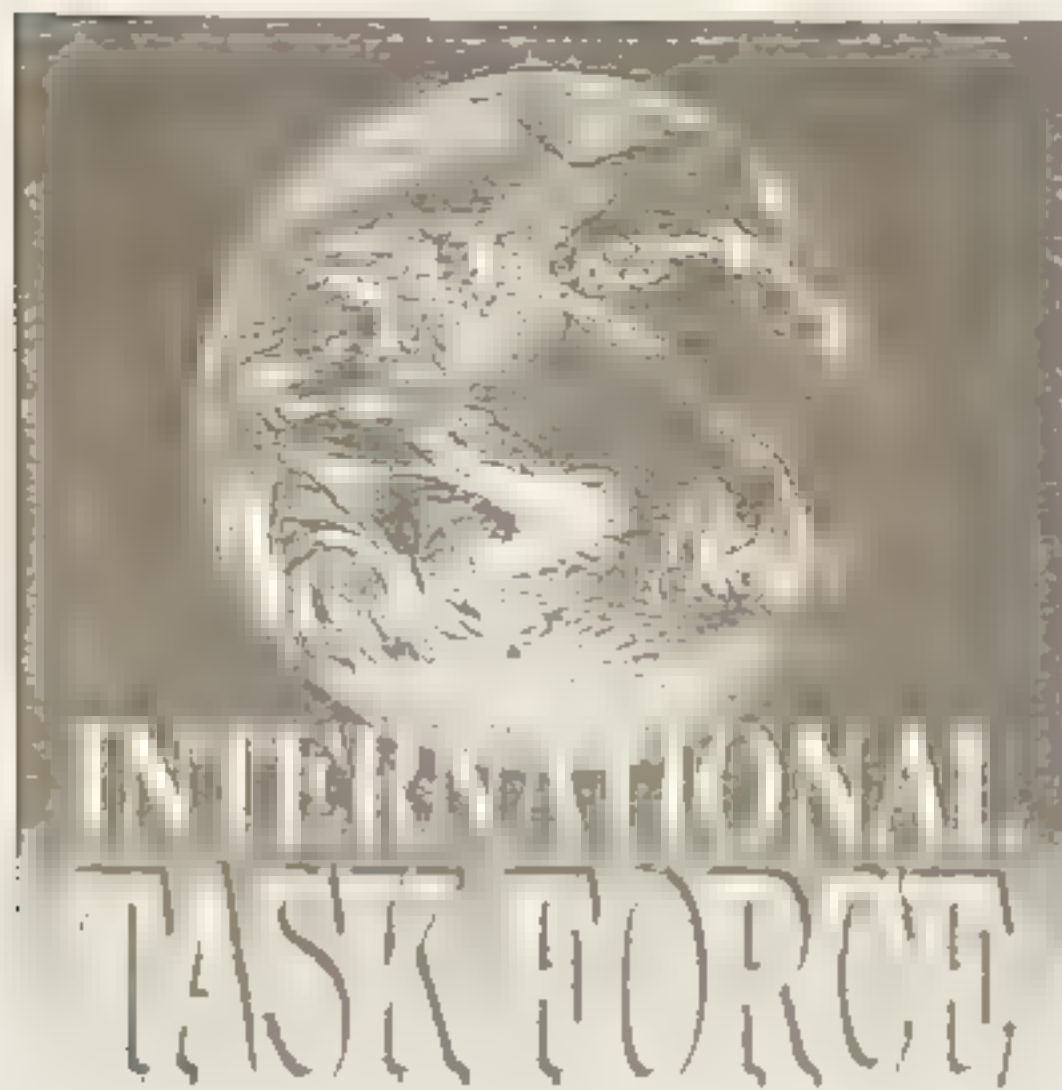
"This is not a bilingual course," Abight said. "A teacher does not need to learn another language in order to teach. There will be methods of teaching, techniques, and an assessment of the students' work."

There has been a 225 percent increase in McDonald County, over a one-year period, of non-English-speaking individuals, and there has been a 32 percent increase in Carthage, over a one-year period, of non-English-speaking individuals.

"Since we are in the middle of the country," Abight said, "it seems we are a bit behind on some of the fads. We have the opportunity to see what others have done and go from there."

Abight says the most important part of this program is bringing children into the U.S. culture from other cultures and make them feel comfortable.

"A teacher from California said this is not only good for the LEP (Limited English Proficiency) student," Abight said, "but also good for all students."



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INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE

Subcommittees vital spark in augmentation process

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS

After helping the international mission pass through the Missouri legislature, Missouri Southern's international task force's job is not finished yet.

The task force consists of five subcommittees: curriculum, English as a second language, student exchange, foreign languages, and international students.

"Since the President (Dr. Julio Leon) visited with the Board of Regents in 1990 about the student of today, we have learned education doesn't end at our shores," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "Now if you open the College catalog there is a page of the College's mission and on the facing page is the international mission."

In the years following Leon's speech to the Board, new things have happened on campus, Bitterbaum said, such as the Oxford and Salamanca trips to study abroad and seminars.

"Now that the mission has passed," he said, "we are trying to get the funding for it."

The curriculum subcommittee is currently the busiest of the five because it is preparing for a new major and minor in international studies.

"The classes these new majors and minors will take will be interdisciplinary," Bitterbaum said. "They will be team-taught, and we already have four of the five syllabi for classes to be taught in the fall."

"We have a vision of this new major, and it will be presented to the academic policies committee, then to the Faculty Senate and on up to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education."

This vision will give the faculty more resources to its classes, such as computer software, and a different outlook on the class.

"This will add a new and unique dimension to the classroom," Bitterbaum said. "If I teach a biology class, it would be easy to only deal with things in North America, but now I could add things from Asia and Latin America. Now we have the opportunity and time to do this."

The curriculum is not the only new feature. New faculty in the foreign lan-

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guage and international business areas along with a full-time geographer, will augment the existing personnel.

"International students and the International Student Exchange Program will never get too large," said Nadine Schmidt, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs.

"Ideally we will have 20 students study abroad and 20 international students here," she said. "We realize that most students won't get a chance to study abroad, but one day we might have 100 juniors studying overseas."

Schmidt said the number of international students at Southern now may be small, but they are eager to help out.

"They volunteer to talk to a class about something in their country," she said. "They are always really responsive and friendly."

In the future, Bitterbaum sees more changes with international speakers and more travel by instructors.

"We don't realize the potential for learning there," he said. "This is how we can add a richness to our campus."

He also sees the possibility of having a floor in the residence halls dedicated to the speaking of French, Spanish or other languages.

"We now have *The Mirror/El Espejo*, which is put out by Dr. [Rodolfo] Schweizer [assistant professor of communications], and Dr. [Maryann] Weber [associate professor of communications] has a French newsletter," Bitterbaum said. "If you add up everything, we do a lot and there will be more courses in the future."

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Dr. Juan Vazquez (right) the mathematics department over notes with Maryann Weber, assistant professor.

POSITIONS TO BE AD FOR 1996

Missouri Southern should be hiring some new faces in the coming months.

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INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

Foreign faculty flourish

By RONNA SPARKS
TAFT WRITER

In his experiences around the world, Dr. Rodolfo Schweizer said he sees the similarities in cultures.

When you live in different cultures, what you get is the relativity of your own culture, Schweizer said. You start seeing that for the same problem, there are different solutions or approaches and you understand all the approaches are right.

Educational philosophies are greatly varied, but they all have one similarity: they focus on making the student the first priority, which is an idea that all educators conform to, as exemplified by several instructors from other nations who teach at Missouri Southern.

Schweizer, assistant professor of communications, came from Argentina to teach in the United States. He said his focus is on taking the material to his students.

"Teaching is at some point sharing knowledge," he said. "Sharing knowledge isn't the same as going in front of the class and making a beautiful speech. It's when you share knowledge that the gap between teacher and student is gone and what you have is two persons sharing knowledge because a teacher can also learn with the student."

Many instructors support the belief that teaching is also a learning experience.

Mushabbar Karimi, instructor of computer aided drafting and design and computer assisted manufacturing technology, is originally from India. He said the teaching and preparation for class helps solidify his knowledge.

Teaching not only allows you to convey what you know, but it also makes your knowledge deeper and more solid, Karimi said. "If my knowledge were imperfect somewhere, that would come out in teaching. It's a teaching and learning process that allows contact with other people."

Dr. Juan Vazquez, head of the mathematics department, began teaching in Puerto Rico and came to the United States. He said he believes teachers are role models.

"I like knowing that I can make a little bit of difference in someone's life," he said. "I try to be very positive and make a positive difference."

Most individuals can remember a teacher that had an effect or made a difference in their lives by preparing them for the future.

Karimi said his goal is to prepare his students for what they will do in their lives.

What comes down to is that when I teach my students, I want to prepare them for what they can give," he said. "My objective is to give them the knowledge that they need that they can apply."

Schweizer also said he focuses on what his students can gain from his class and the importance it will have in their lives.

"Teachers must make the student understand how important it can be for his life to learn what the professor has to give," he said.

While it seems the instructors are the only ones who are giving something, most educators will support the belief their lives are enriched by their contact with their students. It is one positive aspect of the teaching process.

Although the job has its problems and drawbacks, most educators enjoy their occupation.

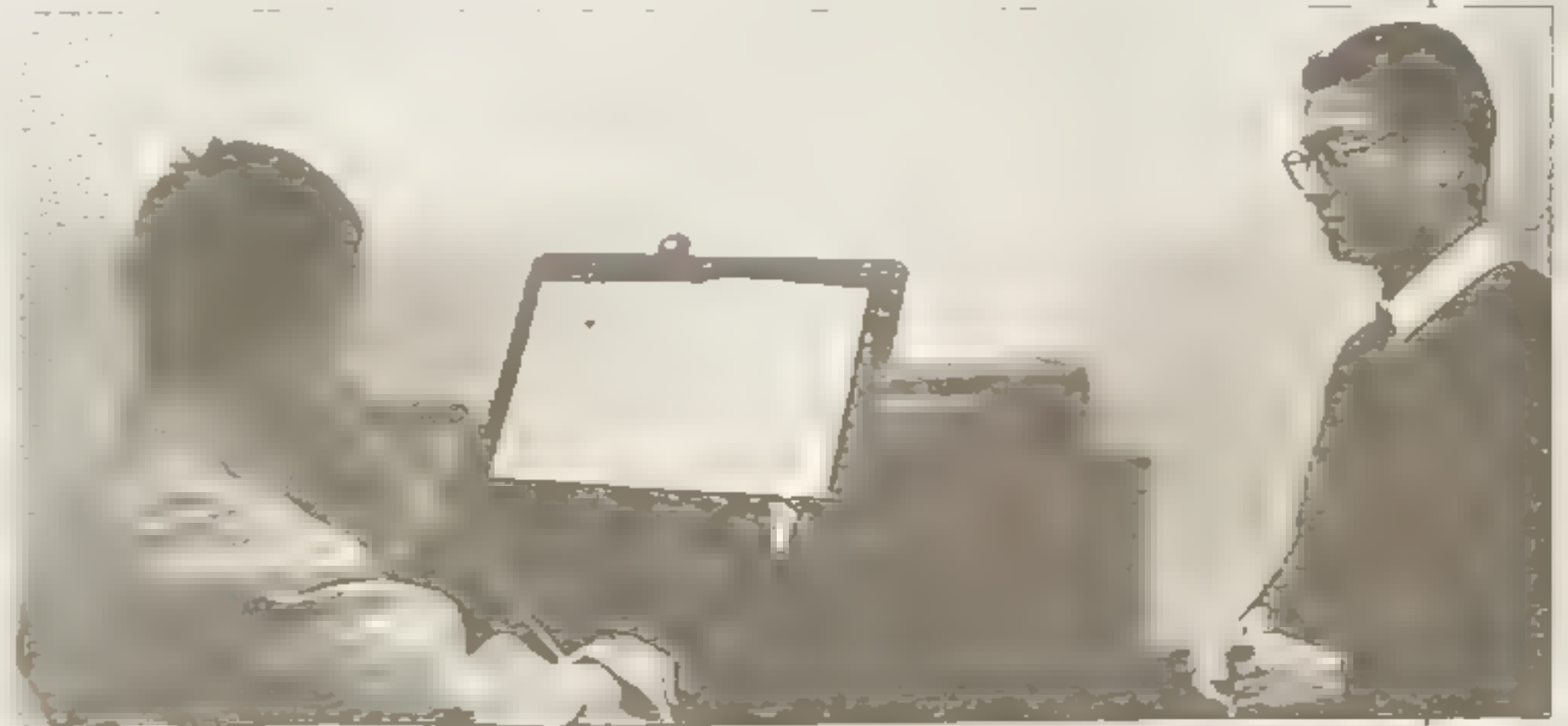
"Teaching is wonderful," Vazquez said.

There are a lot of challenges and ups and downs, but like every other thing, if you like the challenge and if you like to work hard, it's wonderful to be teaching."



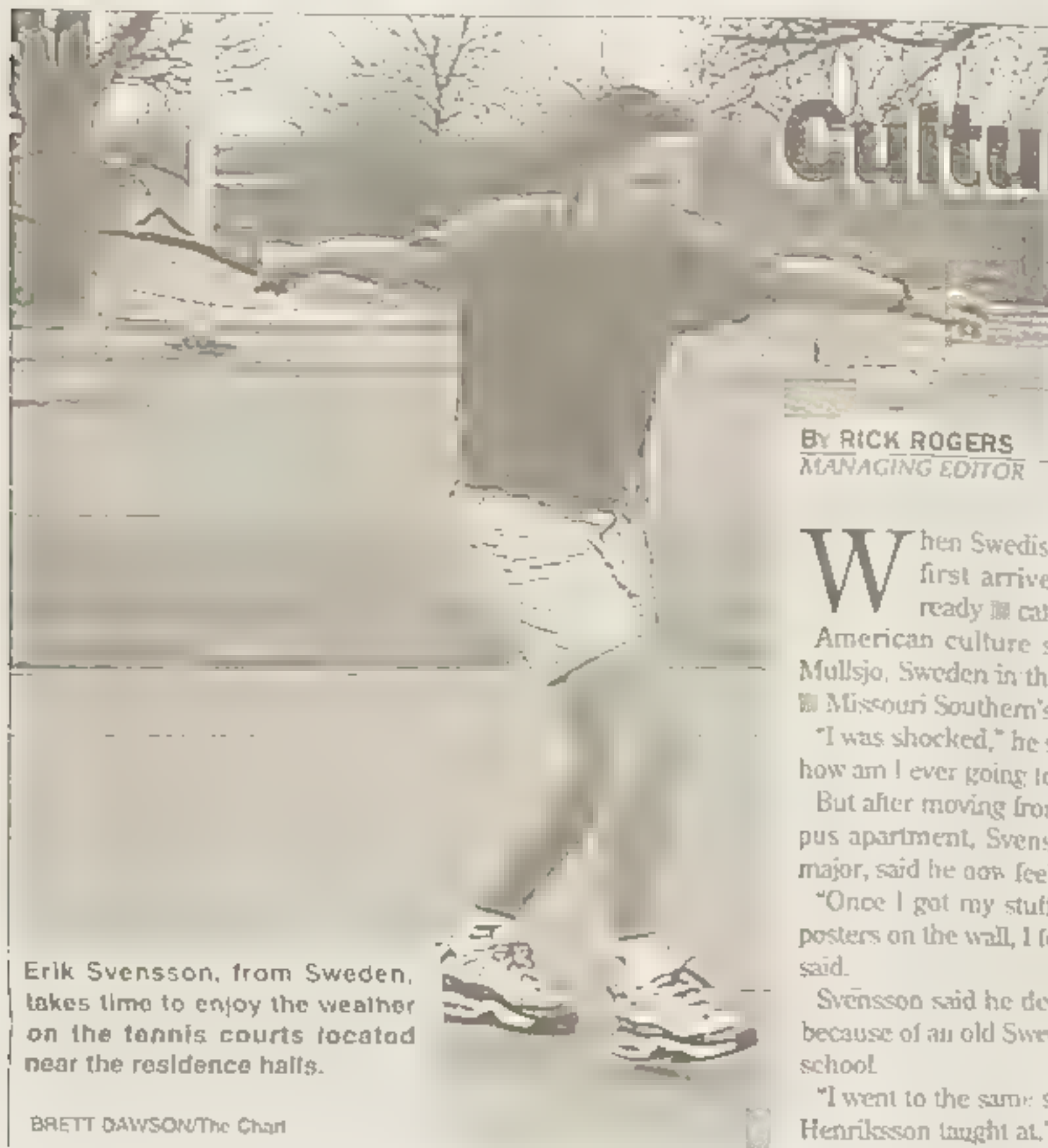
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Dr. Rodolfo Schweizer, assistant professor of communications, is a native of Argentina. Here, Schweizer teaches one of many international classes.



Dr. Kexi Liu (right), instructor of music, is one of several foreign teachers at Missouri Southern.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE



Erik Svensson, from Sweden, takes time to enjoy the weather on the tennis courts located near the residence halls.

BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

...how am I ever going to survive this? Culture shock slaps Swede

Freshman political science major Erik Svensson adjusts to campus life and American culture.

BY RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

When Swedish exchange student Erik Svensson first arrived in Missouri Southern he was ready to catch the next plane back home.

American culture slapped the 20-year-old native of Mullsjo, Sweden in the face when he saw his new home in Missouri Southern's residence halls for the first time.

"I was shocked," he said. "I thought to myself, 'Oh God how am I ever going to survive this?'" Svensson said.

But after moving from his room in Blaine Hall to a campus apartment, Svensson, a freshman political science major, said he now feels more at home.

"Once I got my stuff moved in and organized, and my posters on the wall, I felt a lot more comfortable here," he said.

Svensson said he decided to attend college at Southern because of an old Swedish friend from the Folk Hogskola school.

"I went to the same school the Swedish professor Orjan Henriksson taught at," he said. "I came here through the

exchange program between my old school and Southern."

Svensson said his feelings after learning he would attend Southern this past fall were filled with mixed reactions.

"This has been the first time I have ever been away from home this long," he said.

"The toughest part about leaving home was missing Christmas with my family. But I call my family once a week to keep in touch."

Getting from point A to point B has been the biggest hindrance for Svensson since moving to Joplin.

"The biggest difference between American and European life is that here you have to have a car pretty much," he said.

"You don't need that in Europe because of the abundance of public transportation."

Svensson said the people in America are also much nicer than his European counterparts.

"I think the people here are different," Svensson said. "It is easier here to talk to someone you don't know than back at home."

Besides comparing American and European traits, Svensson also has a love for the "coolest game on earth."

"One of my favorite sports is hockey," he said.

"I love the Toronto Maple Leafs because they have one of my favorite Swedish players, Mats Sundin." □

INTERNET

Internet crawls onto campus

By ALICE CARLSON
STAFF WRITER

When most people hear someone talking about the Internet, games and chat lines probably come to mind—but that stereotype doesn't fit here at Missouri Southern.

The Internet has become an important educational research tool for many people on campus.

Brad Kleindl, assistant professor of business, teaches a class unlike any other offered to Southern students—Virtual Marketing.

Virtual Marketing uses the whole series of electronic marketing types used to present products to the public.

The class teaches students how to work in this new type of electronic environment.

"The students spend about two hours a week browsing in the Web," Kleindl said. "One of the requirements of the course is that the students create a home page. This type of course is necessary for students to move into the future."

Jason Foster, freshman political science major and co-chair of Southern's Campus Activities Board, spends more than 12

hours a week on the Internet.

"I pull down information, mostly on politics," Foster said. "They have reviews everyday on the primaries. I also pull down practical information that I can apply to school, like the Campus Activities Board."

"The Internet just offers a plethora of information at my fingertips."

Edward Emanuel Jr., freshman computer science major, uses the Internet for research.

"I spend more than two hours a day on the Internet," Emanuel said. "I use the Internet because I enjoy working with computers more than going to the library to research."

Brent Needham, elementary education major, spends three to four hours a day on the Internet.

"I do research sometimes, I pull up lesson plans, and I look for games," Needham said. "I look for different programs like that, and I do general surfing."

Needham uses the information on the Internet because it is current and up to date.

"It is easier to get information on the Internet because it is not hard to locate," he said, "and most of the information I need is not available in the library." □

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER

Bitterbaum calls center 'a dream with potential'

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

Plans are in the developing stages for an International Trade Center on Missouri Southern's campus. Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, calls it "a dream with potential."

If the International Trade Center can obtain the necessary financial support, it would serve as a resource for College students, area businesses, and even public schools about international trade.

The center's mission would be to provide education, training, and counseling to local businesses in successful international trade.

"The International Trade Center will be here to support not only the academics but help the community and the surrounding area in their international process," said Jim Gray, dean of the school of business.

There are approximately 300 trade centers of this type around the world. Each is dedicated to the promotion of international trade.

"The International Trade Center would provide a number of services, and those services would be things like counseling and technical assistance in regards to the mechanics of how to do international trade," said Marvin Larson, instructor of business.

Some of the services the center may offer include one-on-one counseling on the procedures of international trade, assessment interviews for determining the export readiness of a company, trade seminars, business internships abroad for students, and many research services such as the National Trade Data Bank. The center would offer a library of resource materials and an electronic communications system called NETWORK, which has connections to databases, bulletin boards, and people around the globe. □

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

Southern to offer internships abroad

By KEVIN COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Still in its initial state of development, the new Missouri Southern catalog will offer students an array of options for careers outside the United States.

International internships will be listed in the catalog under languages because the language skills are foremost in the list of requirements for obtaining an internship.

"There is no discipline, there is no skill, there is no activity which is closed out," said Richard Massa, head of the communications department. "It is the language skills which close people out. They must have language skills."

"Basically, those language skills require the equivalent of six semesters of language in college, and the ability to become somewhat creative in the use of language in terms of conversation."

Heather Parker is serving an internship at Eagle-Picher Industries in Joplin. Parker, a senior general studies major, has taken every French class Southern offers during her five years at the College.

Parker works in contract administration in the advanced systems department. Although she is not serving an international internship, she has found her knowledge of French to be helpful in dealing with the French executives who buy nickel-hydrogen satellite batteries from Eagle-Picher.

"I have had the chance to use it (French) when French buyers came in," Parker said. "They would speak to me in French because they got tired of speaking English all the time."

"When they learn that I speak French, they say 'Oh, you speak French? Let us speak, we will help you practice.' She said, "They feel good that at least I try."

She said the French buyers were somewhat amused by her speaking French with a southern accent.

"They thought it was cute," she said.

Parker plans to do some independent study in France this July. She said she might be interested in an international internship when she goes to work on her master's degree.

According to Rob O'Brian, president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, there are several organizations in Joplin which do business internationally, including FAI, Bearing, Pillsbury, ICI Explosives, Burger King and GTI. All are owned by corporations outside the United States. Others include Leggett & Platt, Eagle-Picher and Able Body, which exports products.

Big business is not the only field of opportunity open to the prospect of international internships.

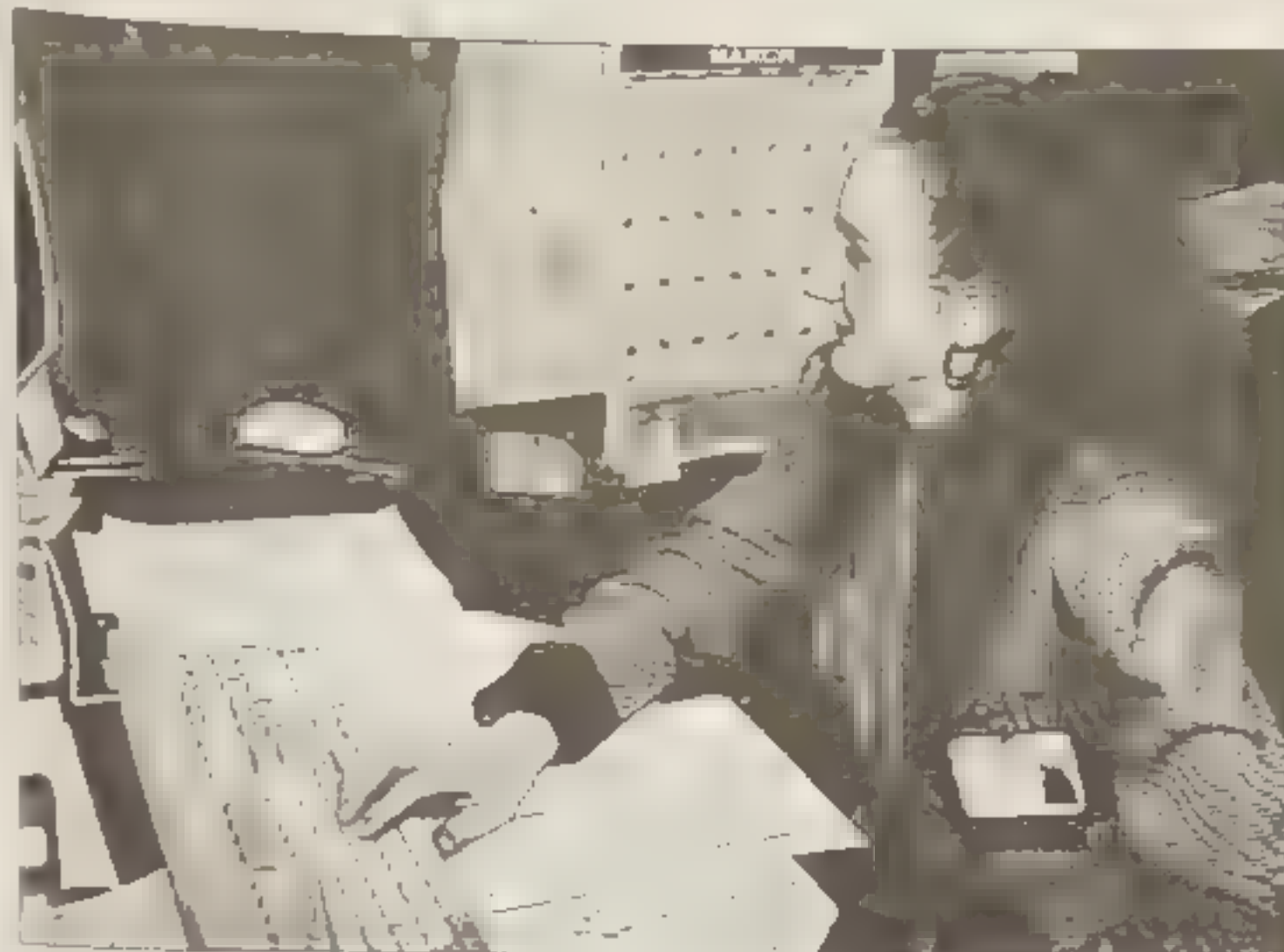
"There are lots of possibilities out there for the use of language in different countries in Spanish and in Portuguese," Massa said.

"In the media, for example—many media are really needing American expertise in news-gathering and news-production techniques."

"But they need language skills in order to deal with the everyday lives of the people they're reporting about."

Southern isn't pushing for international internships right now.

"We are trying to get so many pieces of a



EAGLE-PICHER (Special to The Chart)

Heather Parker, senior general studies major, uses the French learned at Missouri Southern for her work as an intern in the advanced systems department at Eagle-Picher.

complex puzzle of the international mission in place," Massa said. "There are possibilities for internships now, but we are not pushing anybody into anything at this point."

"We are going to undertake a program of more publicity over a period of time," he said. "We are going to phase in many things in the next few years."

"We just want to inform people now that there are possibilities to look into in the future."

Massa said he liked to see the students develop their own interests and research

for international internships in their chosen fields.

"I would say that it's an opportunity and an possibility worth exploring," he said. "I'm aware that some people may not think they have what it takes to do an internship abroad. I would say to them, 'Perhaps you don't know yourself as well as you should. You might be surprised what you're capable of.' You don't want to short-change yourself in your educational pursuit."

"The experience abroad can be, and probably will be, the most rewarding thing in your educational pursuit." □

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Communication skills necessary tools in global market

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Without the ability to communicate your ideas, you will be overwhelmed by today's business world.

Curtis Plybon
Junior economics and
finance major

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

The need for communication and foreign language skills is a growing focus at Missouri Southern's school of business. The College began stressing the importance of communication and foreign language in its business majors by encouraging them to take communication classes as part of their curriculum.

"The business world is international today," said Jim Gray, dean of the school of business. "A large percentage of the firms locally work internationally. The focus of the mission of the College is to take the students who have lived in the Midwest in their lives and give them the tools necessary to compete in a global market."

The school of business advises its students to take a foreign language as part of their international exposure. Currently, language classes are not required for the business major, but a foreign lan-

guage requirement is something that may develop in the future.

"Communication is a key element in any facet of business," said Keith Robinson, senior business major.

"If you can't communicate, you can never voice your ideas, no matter how good they are."

According to Gray, students are being educated as to the importance of international communication skills in every business class.

Each course has an international component, which teaches the class subject, such as principles of marketing, from an international standpoint. There is also a class geared specifically toward international business.

"I would like to think that all school of business majors will have a strong international component when they graduate," Gray said.

It is to the advantage of the business graduate to have international communication skills when seeking employment.

"It's helping me prepare for the ever-changing job market in corporate America," said Curtis Plybon, a junior who has a double major in economics and finance and computer information science. "Without the ability to communicate your ideas, you will be overwhelmed by today's business world." □



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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Exchanges yield needed exposure

By LISA BUFFINGTON
STAFF WRITER

International travel opportunities are increasing on Missouri Southern's campus for students and faculty expressing interest in different intriguing cultures.

The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) which debuted on campus last fall makes it possible for students to study abroad choosing from more than 100 colleges and universities from around the world, including the more popular ones in Great Britain, Australia, and Ireland.

Nadine Schmidt, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, coordinates the ISEP program and encourages interested students to attend the workshops to learn more about the program.



Schmidt

"International experience gives a student the necessary edge needed to land a good job," Schmidt said. "Students can learn a lot about the program by attending the workshops, or they can stop by my office in Barnes Hall to pick up booklets and application forms."

ISEP's first four students: John Weedn, senior political science major; Greg Pendergraft, sophomore undecided major; Hannah Mitchell, sophomore business major; and Sandra Tallon, freshman criminal justice major, are presently waiting the news of their request for study abroad. Weedn's first choice is to attend a university in Canada, Pendergraft chose Great Britain, Mitchell listed Scotland as her first choice, and Tallon plans to study in England.



Liu

"I've always wanted to travel abroad," Mitchell said. "I think getting the chance to experience something like this is important before family responsibilities later in life make it impossible to go."

The Oxford program, coordinated by Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research, helps students get a taste of the Renaissance and medieval times with a three-week overseas summer program. Jessica Oehlschlager, senior communications major, is one of the students going to Oxford this summer.

"I can hardly wait to go," Oehlschlager said. "The opportunity came up and it was an easy decision for me because I might not get the chance to go again."

Southern's faculty also has the opportunity to travel abroad and teach at other schools as exchange for foreign instructors traveling to Southern to teach.

Presently two instructors, Kezhen Liu from China, and Orjan Henriksson from Sweden, came to teach at Southern. Liu came through the Fulbright Scholar Residence Program and is teaching Chinese. Henriksson was received through the Catherine Hyde Foundation and teaches students in advanced photography.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Swedish instructor hones passion for photography

By LESLIE ROBERTS
EDUCATION EDITOR

Students in Sweden and America are not different from one another, according to Orjan Henriksson, but the course structure certainly is.

"I think students are students," said Henriksson, head of the art department at Mullsjö Fokhogskola in Mullsjö, Sweden. "People are people, wherever you meet them."

Henriksson is teaching a black and white photography class this semester as part of Missouri Southern's teacher exchange program.

"I have my students in Sweden for two years, and they are what we call full-time students," he said. "They don't work. They just study, so it was kind of a new experience for me because I can't demand as much as I can at home."

Second-year Swedish photography students can expect to devote 16 hours a week to photography, with the rest of their time divided between two other subjects.

"That's the only thing they do is study photography," Henriksson said. "And that's quite a difference."

The American students, however, have been doing quite well, he said.

"Since the group's levels were not equal, I thought we better start so that everybody gets the same ground to build on," he said. "Since we did that, I think they are progressing very strongly. They are doing just as fine as my Swedish students are."

In teaching photography, Henriksson is sharing his knowledge as well as his passion.

"One of my greatest passions is photography, and to be able to share my passion for photography, that is my passion in itself," he said. "I don't want them to photograph as I do, because that's my way, and they have to find their own way. I can see that they are starting to find their way in the images, and that's a big joy to watch."

Henriksson would recommend teaching abroad to colleagues in Sweden, and he would also recommend it to his colleagues at Southern.

"I think it's a great idea," he said. "I have seen American students in Sweden, and I think that wherever you go, I don't think you will be the same when you return, and hopefully for the better."

He believes he is broadening students' horizons by teaching a class at Southern.

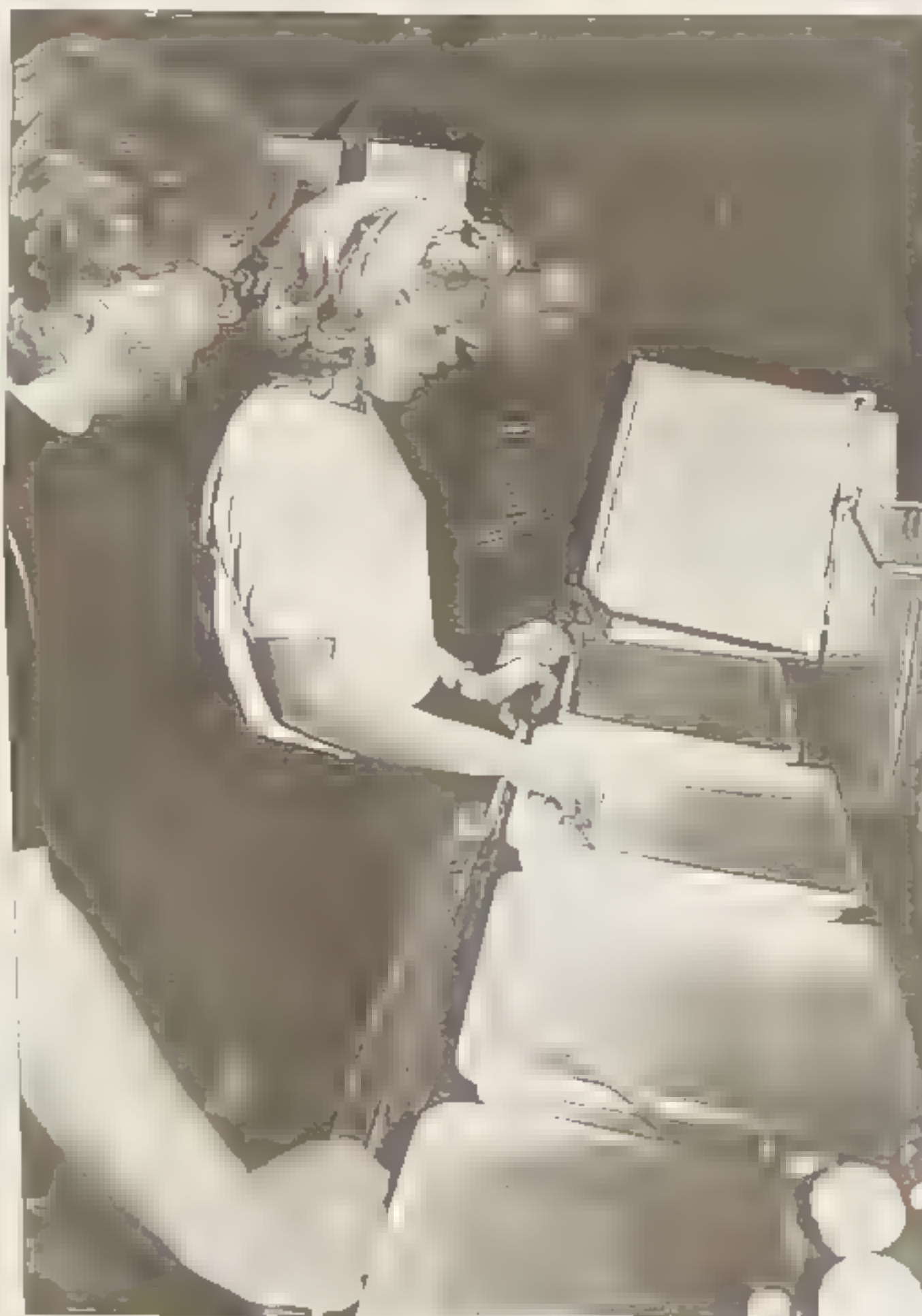
"I bring with me my culture, how I've been brought up, and my values," he said. "[Students] can share my values, and they have to decide, but they can share my way to look at things, my opinion, because I've come from a foreign country."

The experience has been a good one so far for Henriksson, who credits the support of Southern's faculty and also his students' hard work.

"I would like to underline how I appreciate the effort I see in the students' work. If they didn't do that, it would be kind of a bad experience for me, because I hope that I share my knowledge, but mostly I share my passion," he said. "To have your passion turned down, that would be discouraging."

Idalie Jansson, junior graphic design major, is a native of Sweden.

"I had his photography class in Sweden," she said. "He was the one who inspired me; I had no interest in photography before I learned everything from him."



CATHERINE ROSS/The Chari

Orjan Henriksson, photography instructor (left), watches Stacy Schoen, senior graphic arts major, develop photos in the art department's darkroom.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE

“I really miss home a lot, but not as bad as my first trip to the U.S.”

Masuda yearns for Brazilian beaches

South American native awaits return trip to Rio de Janeiro

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

When she dreams of beaches they're not in California. Brazilian freshman undecided major Aline Masuda wishes she could be back on the beaches of Rio de Janeiro.

This is Masuda's second trip to the United States, but she still misses her homeland and longs to go back.

"I really miss home a lot, but not as bad as on my first visit to the U.S.," Masuda said.

Her first impression of the America was not a good one.

"I was a senior in high school the first time I came to the U.S., and I didn't like it here at all," she said.

Masuda resided in Pierce City after a brief stay with a Mormon family in Reeds.

"I came here [to the U.S.] and I couldn't believe it. It was so different," she said.

"[Pierce City] was so small and I was so lonely I couldn't wait to get home," she said. "I swore to myself, 'No, I will never go back.'"

But Masuda did return.

"In Brazil it is very tough to go to college, and you have to decide before going in what you're going to do. It is very difficult," she said.

"I wasn't sure what to do. My brother is looking into business so he can own a bar, but even he isn't sure of his future."

"It's really hard to decide what you're going to do for the rest of your life. But I knew I'd never be back in the States," Masuda said.

Despite her misapprehensions about coming back to the United States, Masuda was persuaded to give it one more try.

One day my best friend said she wanted me to go with her to the U.S. so that we could go to college and get a good education. I said, "No, no, I'm not going back!"

But then Masuda thought about it and decided to go.

"This time I'm having more fun, because my best friend is at [Southwest Missouri State University] and I'm in a bigger city [than Pierce City]," Masuda said. "It's different than before. I still miss my home, but not so bad."

Masuda hasn't decided what she will major in yet. She is looking at various possibilities.

"I'm taking the core curriculum right now, and I really like my sociology class," she said.

Masuda enjoys dancing, going to the theatre, and relaxing on the beach.

"The education here is wonderful and I love to travel, but I can't wait to go home to Brazil," Masuda said.



Lana King, junior business major (right), helps Aline Masuda, freshman undecided major and international student, schedule an appointment with her faculty adviser.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Trips abroad give faculty new perspectives on life

By KATE WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

Several Missouri Southern faculty have traveled for enjoyment and in participation with the College's international mission.

Both Rebecca Spracklen Kanan, associate professor of English, and Dr. J. R. Moorman, assistant professor of communications, agree that international knowledge is essential to a good education.

"It is a reminder for us that we live in a global society," Moorman said.

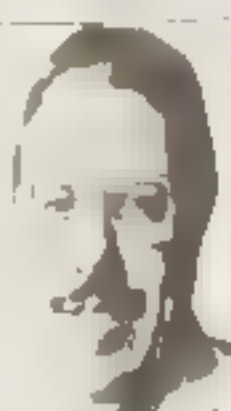
Kanan, who traveled for three weeks last summer with the Oxford program, thinks travel abroad hones communication skills,

imagination, endurance, and adaptability.

"I think what travel and time spent abroad does is it gives you a new perspective on your own life," she said.

Not only has Kanan traveled to England, but in 1991 the College sent her around the world as a "kind of kick-off" for the international mission in its fledgling form. She believes that just learning about different cultures increases your response to your own environment.

"I came back a different person when I



Moorman

traveled around the world," she said.

"I was no longer provincially minded with my focus on Joplin, Mo., and the surrounding communities."

She believes the Oxford program is a wonderful opportunity where students receive exposure to the culture and have a great learning experience.

Moorman, on the other hand, spent time in Taiwan over the Christmas break. This was not his first trip there. He taught an English class there eight years ago.

"The students are going to hear more and more about our global society, and they should think in big terms and how to use this information to their best benefit," Moorman said.

"If you are interviewing for a job somewhere, you can talk about political issues around the world. It shows that you are pretty cosmopolitan, that you have a sense of place in the world."

Students seem to have quite a different view of the College's international mission from the instructors.

"I don't think it is practiced enough by most teachers to make a difference," said Krista Waggoner, senior theatre major.

Some students don't even know about the international mission while others maintained an ethnocentric view.

"I'm an American," said Alan Smith, freshman pre-medicine major. "I could care less about other countries' cultures." □



INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Local businesses cite expectations

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Advances in technology and communication have done wonders in bringing the countries of the world closer together and the Joplin area is advancing right along with everyone else.

"You can definitely say there is very much of a global influence in the Joplin area," said Rob O'Brian, president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. "I get letters in the mail every day from foreign companies looking for a place to do business in the United States."

With the world becoming more globalized, the trends in education are also changing. Not only do today's students have to prepare for a job in a particular field, but instructors and employers suggest they also educate themselves in world events and cultures.

Dr. Allen Merriam, professor of communications at Missouri Southern, encourages students to be aware of cultural diversity.

"Different people and cultures have different values and ways of solving problems and even of approaching life," he said. "I think it's good for everyone to develop global awareness, and the best place to do that is in college where you have the exposure."

Contract Freighters Inc. of Joplin deals extensively with Canada and Mexico. Tom Glazer, vice president of marketing for CFI, said the four-year college education no longer exists.

"I think one of the reasons students are taking five or six or seven years to complete college is because they have to absorb a lot of the global education that is available," he said.

Glazer said every student should be prepared to deal with other cultures.

"The international marketplace does and will have an impact on anyone's future," he said. "Teachers today will be dealing with the international scene via their students. In business, we are going to be touched the same way by the people around us because our neighbors are Italian or Korean or European."

"As you grow, you will continue to have more experiences involving ethnic groups and cultures. Your life will be affected."

King Press Corporation, which manufactures single-width web offset printing presses for newspaper and commercial use, does 60 to 70 percent of its sales overseas. Roger Kaughman, manager of marketing administration for King Press, said students should first concentrate on learning the specific industry they are wish to pursue.

"The most important thing is learning about the occupational goal they're targeting," he said. "The fundamentals of learning your business come first, and you can learn the rest later."

However, Kaughman does put a high importance on knowing the cultures one deals with.

"A big part is learning to appreciate cultural differences," he said. "You want to respect



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Maria Guillen, a 1993 graduate of Missouri Southern, works as a bilingual analyst at Contract Freighters, Inc. in Joplin. CFI deals extensively with Canada and Mexico.

people's cultures. You have to be careful not to offend them with things which may be commonplace in the United States."

Kaughman recommends language courses and in fact has taken Spanish courses to augment his working skills.

"Having an instructor who teaches you the cultural differences is a definite advantage," he said. "Those insights are important in interacting."

Leggett & Platt Industry in Carthage deals with approximately 10 to 15 countries around the world. Arnold Berner, vice president of international export sales, agrees it is important to first learn the business.

"For international business, you need to

get into learning about international business rules and cultural differences," he said. "But knowing an extra language or two is certainly not hurtful. In fact, it will give you a leg up."

Berner said he is bothered by the fact that many colleges and universities tend to deemphasize the foreign language and cultural aspect of an education.

"Europeans have a much better grasp of the cultural diversities," he said. "Americans in business tend to be more one-dimensional and focus just on work. People of other cultures are more willing and desirous of talking about such things as culture, music, art, geography, etc."

LANGUAGE BARRIERS

City's workers take classes to communicate with citizens

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

When the small Midwest town of Commerce, Okla., realized its public servants couldn't communicate with nearly a third of its inhabitants, city officials were forced to find a solution.

Mexican agricultural workers have been steadily migrating to Commerce in recent years. Now they number between 800 and 900, and the city's total population is approximately 2,500.

"We couldn't explain anything to them," said Vicki Crawford, water clerk. "They didn't understand their bills. They had to bring their children to translate for us."

A special evening class offered in Miami at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College was the answer to Commerce's problem.

"We had been talking about taking classes," Crawford said. "When this class was offered, we decided to enroll."

Spanish lessons for city employees began Feb. 20. The students meet for two hours, once a week, for six weeks. They don't expect to become fluent Spanish speakers, but the class is formatted for their specific work-related needs.

"We're learning numbers and a few basic words and phrases," Crawford said. "It would be nice to learn more, but we're just learning enough to do our jobs right now."

Commerce is paying the \$60-per-person charge for the class, with more than 30 people enrolled, including law officers and paramedics. Some private citizens and business owners are paying their own tuition.

"We're learning proper Spanish," Logan said, "but the Mexicans here speak a street

Spanish. They have slang words, just like we do."

Crawford said one of the police officers who originally was enrolled in the class dropped it in favor of learning the language from his Spanish-speaking friends. Logan is learning some of the slang from her husband, who is from California. Spanish is also offered in the local grade school.

"My daughter is taking Spanish classes," Crawford said. "I think they pick up on it easier when they're younger."

The idea of the city employees taking Spanish lessons at the expense of the taxpayers was met with some opposition. Crawford said some people in town believed the newcomers should learn English, instead.

"I think it will be helpful to know," she said. "I've been to Mexico a couple of times

Next time I go, I'll know how to order my food and drinks."

Commerce is not the only town in the area that has had to adjust to a growing Spanish-speaking population. Emergency personnel in Noel, Mo., are also learning key Spanish words and phrases to aid in dealing with their own rising number of Spanish-speaking citizens.

Dr. Ben Peterson, professor of Spanish at Missouri Southern, is a friend of Betty Caskey, who is teaching the Commerce students Spanish. He said Caskey is an excellent teacher with an important task.

"If these public servants have a knowledge of Spanish, it will reach an area where it will mean not only harmony, but understanding and support for the whole community, rather than just the English-speaking portion of it," he said. □

MSIPC

Competition cultivates reputation

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

As the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition has grown, its reputation has grown. It has grown so much, in fact, that it is now known as "The International Competition in Missouri."

"We've been getting attention from all over the state," said Vivian Leon, director of the MSIPC. "Now people are really beginning to notice."

"We are not only the only competition in Missouri, but in the whole Midwest."

Since she took over the MSIPC in 1990, major changes have occurred. Not only has it separated from the music department and become its own entity, but it has added an honors competition for area students, a concert at Carnegie Hall, and prize amount increases.

"We didn't even have our own office," Leon said with a laugh, "if that tells you anything."

But the emphasis is still on Missouri Southern and developing the international mission.

"The bottom line is drawing attention to the College," Leon said. "This competition gets people from around the world on our campus. They know Southern and at least they know we're here."

Leon said she thinks having people from all over the world on campus is beneficial for the students at Southern because of the exchange of different cultures.

"We hang flags from countries from around the world," she said. "This is not just a display, but the contestants look for their flags when they get here. It creates a sense of pride for their flag to be hanging in the U.S. It tickles me that someone might not be able to find Missouri on a map, but they know Missouri Southern," she said.

Through the sustained growth of the competition and the support of the community, Leon is able to achieve even greater things.

"The competition is getting so noticed nationally and internationally, compared to other years," she said. □



Leon

CONGREGATION OF THE MOTHER CO-REDEMPTRIX

Vietnamese enjoy Catholic commune

Priests, brothers take vows; work for salvation of souls

By STEPHANIE GOAD
CITY NEWS EDITOR



Refugee's Mary Statue, in the CMC seminary courtyard

After the fall of Vietnam into the hands of the Communists in 1975, a large group of Vietnamese boarded a ship and fled to the land of promise.

After the voyage on the sea, the group of 200 men and boys lived in a refugee camp, later dividing into separate communities. One such community is the Congregation of the Mother Co-Redemptrix in Carthage.

"We left our country in 1975 on boats with no destination and no goal," said Thinh Nguyen, a member of the CMC and student at Missouri Southern.

The CMC is a Catholic community housing 200 to 300 Vietnamese priests and "brothers."

"The main goal of the priests and brothers is to consecrate their whole life to God and work for the salvation of souls," Nguyen said.

He said some brothers become candidates to attend area high schools. After completing high school, they spend two to three years in religious study at the CMC before attending college.

Nguyen said the community is similar to a convent for nuns in relation to the vows required, but the CMC houses only men and boys.

"We take three vows: chastity, poverty, and obedience," Nguyen said. "It is a place where a community can come together and share a purpose. We like this place."

Nguyen said his family recently came to the states and lives in California, where he is allowed to visit one time each year.

"Once you join a community, that's your home," he said.

Nghi Cao, another member of the CMC, attended Southern in 1989-90 and has since transferred to Southwest Missouri State University, where he is majoring in electronic media.

He said he prefers Southern over SMSU, but needs to attend SMSU for his major.

"The classes are smaller and there's a much better atmosphere in Joplin," Cao said.

"The program at Missouri Southern will benefit me a lot. I owe a lot to the English department and the tutors. My English was pretty bad; they helped me a lot in one year."

Dr. Eillen Godsey, director of the Learning Center, said some of the CMC members attending Southern are taking advantage of the opportunities in the Learning Center.

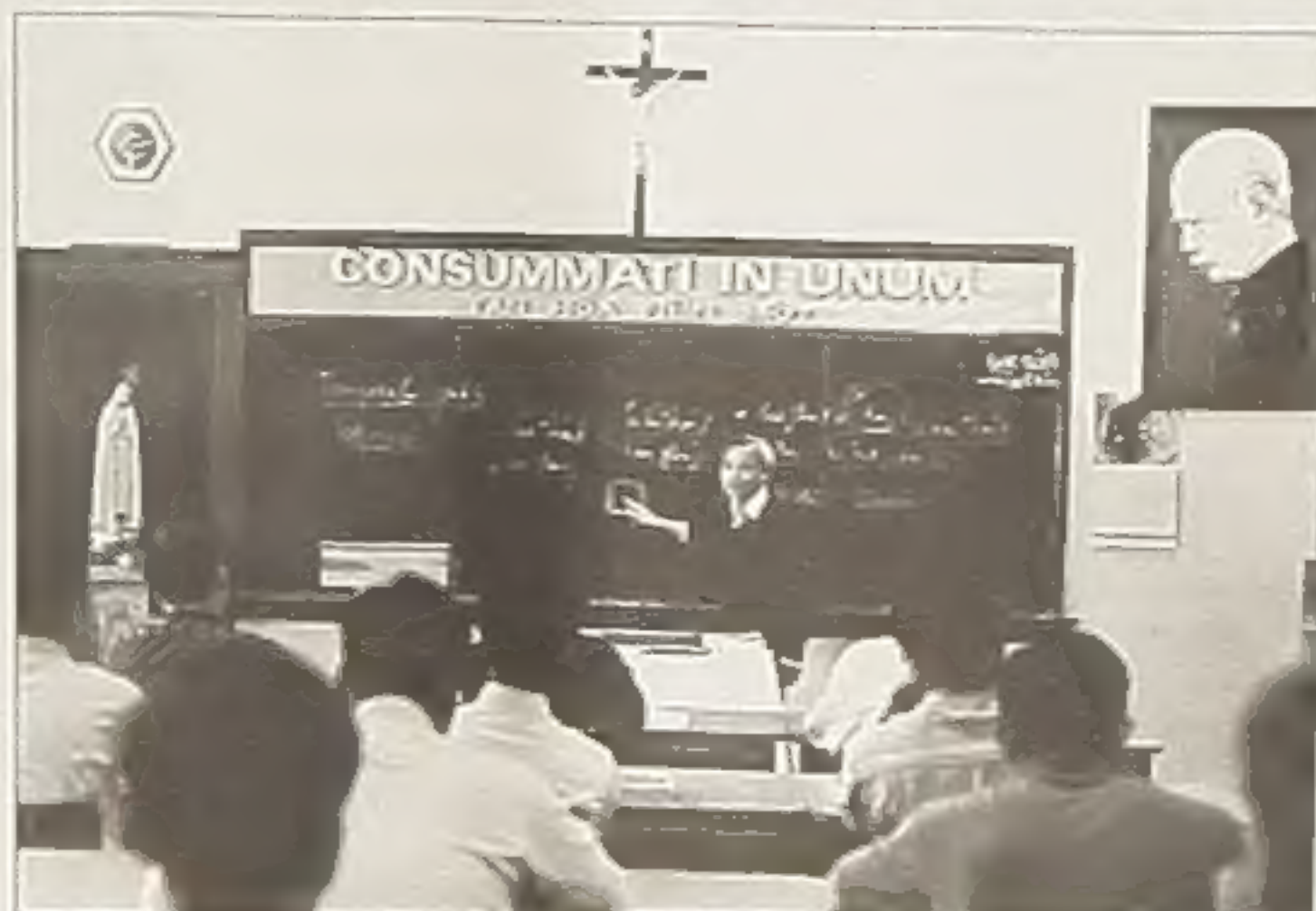
"We have several young men who use our writing tutors in particular," she said.

Having the CMC students on campus ties in with Southern's international mission by helping students from another culture learn English as a Second Language (ESL).

Nadine Schmidt, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, said the ESL has a two-pronged approach.

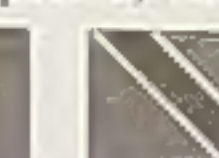
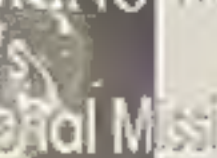
"We have training through the educational program so people can teach English as a Second Language, and we also offer classes for those who need to improve their English," she said.

"It's really wonderful to have a diverse group of students on campus. It helps for other students to interact with students from a different country, and we are glad to have them here as students." □



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In a CMC classroom, the Rev. Pius Dan teaches members of the seminary about religions. Priests and brothers live at the seminary and visit their families each year.



INTERNATIONAL CLUBS

Organizations focus on world issues

International mission gives groups new focus

By ELIZABETH LOVLAND
CAMPUS EDITOR

Because of Missouri Southern's international focus toward education, several international clubs and organizations have taken a new light on campus.

The College's International Club is a campus-based organization geared toward international exchange students attending Southern. But the club is not just for international students. It is also for any students who wish to attend the meetings,

interact with, and learn about persons from other nations.

Liliana Valencia, a native of Peru and the club's president, said the interaction between international students and Americans is just one of the focuses of the club.

"I think the international mission is positive for all students involved," Valencia said. "I think it is important because there is new forms of communications like fax machines and E-mail, which brings the world closer together."

Valencia said being able to communicate outside a person's native country will become vital in the future.

"So, you have to learn how to deal with

people from all over the world," she said. "And if you have a basis with working with international students or taking an international course you are more prepared to deal with a diverse group of people."

Southern's Model United Nations Club's main focus is to participate in Model UN meetings with colleges from all over the country.

"At those meetings, we send students from here to form a delegation representing a particular UN member," said Dr. Paul Teverow, associate professor of history and faculty sponsor.

The Model UN Club participated in the Midwest Model United Nations convention Feb. 28 to Mar. 2 this year in St. Louis.

The event presents a chance for students to debate and research important international issues.

"This past year we represented Cuba and next year we are going to represent Ireland," Teverow said. "I think we are keeping up with the international mission. Because the job of the students is to not just learn about a particular country, but also try to the best of their ability to act not as Americans, at least for the few days of the conference."

"I think that is what part of the international mission is all about."

Students representing more than 60 colleges and universities played the various roles of UN members. □

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE

Paying the price for... EDUCATION

Finances spark interest in Russian

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

As Russia explores new methods of finance, Lena Popova prepares to make a difference. Popova, a sophomore, takes a special interest in Russia since her home is there.

"I miss it, but I like the family I am staying with," she said. "It's a small price to pay for the education I am getting."

Popova has traveled from Archangel, Russia, to Missouri once before, in 1993.

"I visited the Carthage High School for a while, and I really enjoyed it there," she said.

She returned home and faced the prospect of going to one of Russia's institutes to study, but it was difficult to get in. "In Russia the schools are much different than here," she said.

"I was so worried that I wouldn't get in [to Missouri Southern]. I took the ACT, and I called my friend and said, 'No, I just know I didn't do well,' but I got the results and I had passed."

"I just went around that day in the best mood."

Popova entered the College and decided to major in economics and finance.

"My parents spent a lot of time in Africa," she said. "They are both doctors, and there is a lot for them to do [in Africa], but in Russia doctors do not make very much money."

"I wanted to be a doctor, but I wanted to make money,

too. A lot has happened in Russia, and there is a lot that has changed."

I decided to study economics and finance. It's the perfect time," she said.

Popova said she had a good transition to life in the United States. She is staying with Rex and Sue Wolfe in Carl Junction.

"When I first got here, I couldn't believe how nice everyone was," she said.

"I mean, I was living in their home. People in Russia might have an exchange student for a week, but no more than that. I just thought everyone [in America] was so nice."

Popova doesn't think she'll forget her years in America after she leaves Southern.

"The people in the U.S. are nice. They are willing to sacrifice a lot," she said. □

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Lena Popova

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After deciding not to go into the medical field, Lena Popova, an exchange student from Russia, chose to study economics and finance at Missouri Southern.

Before it became official on June 15, 1990, Missouri Southern State College's vision of taking an international approach to its mission was just a dream. But with the efforts of the College administration, led by College President Julio Leon, the dream of Southern students receiving an education on an international scale became a reality. Leon talks about how the mission will affect students in the future and how students in Southwest Missouri deserve the very best education.

Leon identifies mission as vehicle to education

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

Since its creation in 1990, Missouri Southern's international mission toward education has given the College a diverse look at educating its students.

College President Julio Leon speaks on his experiences of finding Southern an educational niche among other colleges and universities in Missouri, and how the international mission will prepare students for life after graduation.

Q: What is the purpose of Missouri Southern having an international mission?

LEON: It is to provide our students with an opportunity to expand their knowledge and understanding of the languages, the people, and cultures of other countries. In view of the rapid changes that are taking place in the world today, I find that it is very important to be a well-educated person, but also one who is going to be competitive in the 21st century. And that they do have an understanding of other countries and other people.

That is where with the globalization of trade, the opening of frontiers, and the lowering of barriers, you can anticipate anything that is done, even here in Joplin, people are going to be affected, one way or another, by what happens in other parts of the world.

Q: Do you think today's students realize the importance of having an awareness of global affairs?

LEON: I think the majority of the students sense that this is going to be very important.

You can see the increasing interest in foreign languages, especially in Spanish, which is really going tremendously.

And I think the students realize with things like NAFTA and trade agreements they see that international affairs, foreign trade, and commerce are being

discussed more and more.

Q: How are Missouri Southern students benefiting from the international mission today?

LEON: One of the main goals with what we wanted to do was to provide our students with the opportunity to study abroad and experience, first-hand, the benefits from studying in other countries and having contact with other people.

And now with our membership in ISEP (International Student Exchange Program) our students are going to be able to study in more than 100 college and universities in the world for a semester or a year, and all they have to do is pay Missouri Southern's tuition.

You can only imagine the benefits our students will receive from these experiences.

Q: How will Missouri Southern students benefit from the mission in the future?

LEON: Another part of our plans is to expand the teaching of our foreign languages. One of the things we will be teaching is Chinese, Japanese, and Russian, in addition to French, Spanish, and German. One of the things we want to do is make it possible for every student who attends Missouri Southern to become proficient in a second language—if they want to.

The opportunities are going to be there for any student who is motivated to do so. Those opportunities are going to be available, so when they leave Missouri Southern they will be able to converse with somebody in whatever language they chose.

In addition to that, we hope to be able to develop internships for some of our students in other parts of the world.

Q: Being a native of another country, did your own experiences prompt you to take this approach toward an international mission?

LEON: I think more than anything, what



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has motivated me and another members of the administration and the faculty to go in that direction is all the rapid developments that have taken place all over the world in the past few years.

The tremendous development in communications and telecommunications that clearly tells you all the changes that have taken place. You see international agreements like NAFTA and the European Common Market and you know that education today has to be oriented toward the international aspect of life, because that is where we are going to operate. And if we don't do those type of things, then we are not doing our duty toward our students and are short-changing them.

Q: If a student asked you what is the international mission, how would you describe it to that person?

LEON: I would first ask that person what they are interested in studying. And if they respond with accounting, business, or economics, I would say imagine that you will get an education in that particular discipline, but in addition to that, you will have an opportunity to enrich that field of study with a vast amount of opportunities of international education. Every course you will study in your discipline will emphasize the international aspects of that certain discipline.

Q: Please describe the College 10 years from now, when the international

mission is in full bloom.

LEON: Visualize a college where the students are going to be very interested in learning the languages of other lands. I see a college where a large number of students are going to be studying in another country for a semester or for a year. I see a college where a significant number of our faculty are going to be, on a regular basis, teaching at other colleges and universities in other countries through an exchange program.

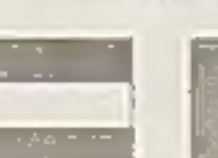
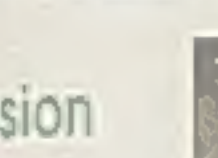
I see a campus where students will be taking courses taught by visiting professors from other countries.

Q: Some people, especially those in the legislature, have asked why a college in southwest Missouri needs an international mission. How would you respond to those critics?

LEON: A student who is going to college in this corner of southwest Missouri is as important as a student living in St. Louis, Columbia, or Kansas City. And for that simple reason, they should have access to the very best the state can provide.

The very best the state can provide today is to provide every college graduate of this state with an understanding of other countries.

And a student going to Missouri Southern is no less important than students at other colleges and universities in Missouri. □



CULTURAL MISSION

missouri Southern State College is a state-supported, comprehensive college offering programs leading to the bachelor's degree. Faithful to its original statutory charter, the College also offers continuing education courses and a number of two-year programs in technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community.

The College's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and preprofessional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning.

Inherent in its international approach to undergraduate education is the College's desire to prepare its student to understand world affairs, international issues and other cultures as seen through their history, geography, language, literature, philosophy, economics and politics. Knowledge and understanding of other cultures of the world also promote better understanding of our own valuable cultural diversity.

Missouri Southern's commitment to the liberal arts is reflected in a comprehensive program of general education requirements for all students to ensure that they have a breadth of educational experience which will enable them to develop communications and critical thinking skills and to acquire and apply aesthetic, contemporary, civic, international, historical, mathematical, scientific and value-oriented perspective.

The faculty and staff of Missouri Southern State College emphasize quality teaching and learning and dedicated community service. Community service involves responsiveness to the Southwest Missouri region as well as serving as the intellectual, creative and cultural center of the area.

In order to remain loyal to the trust given to the College by the people of the State of Missouri, Missouri Southern will:

- periodically review its mission in light of contemporary changes in society and in the needs of the people of Missouri;
- continually assess the effectiveness of its programs in order to ensure their quality and integrity. □

International **EDUCATION**

On June 15, 1990, the Board of Regents of Missouri Southern State College approved a recommendation to pursue an international approach to undergraduate education.

The move to an international approach to our educational mission is prompted by the realization that the successful citizens of the 1990s and the 21st century will have to possess better knowledge and awareness of the people, languages and cultures of other countries of the world. The dramatic changes that are taking place in the economic and political systems of Russia and Eastern European countries as well as the challenge by Asian and European countries to American economic leadership make self-evident the need for a college education with the strong global perspective.

Missouri Southern State College is phasing in over several years, different programs and activities designed to internationalize our college. Among these include:

- *Revising the curriculum to include a global perspective in every possible course.*
- *Expanding the teaching of foreign languages.*
- *Increasing opportunities for Missouri Southern students to study abroad.*
- *Staging conferences and lectures on world affairs, as well as cultural and artistic programs with international performers.*
- *Creating new courses in international studies.*
- *Increasing the participation of international students.*

As these programs are implemented, our present and future students should take advantage of them and prepare for the global environment of the future. □